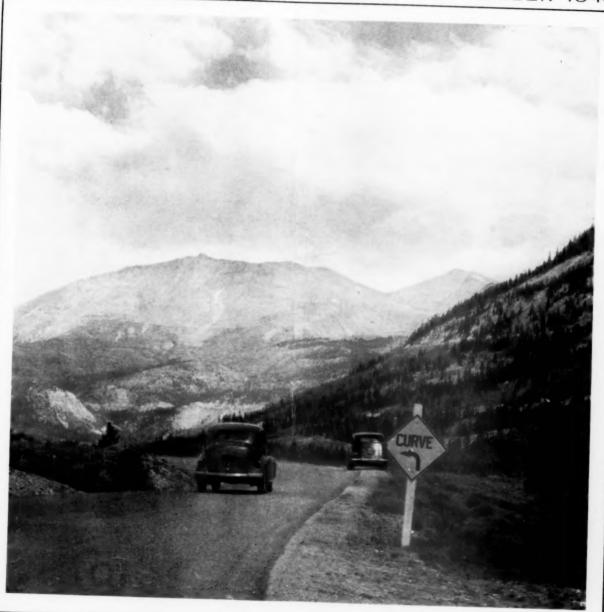
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DESIGNING CONCRETE MIXTURES FOR PAVEMENTS

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THE PURPOSE of this report is to describe a method of investigating the flexural strength of concrete in connection with the problem of designing concrete mixtures for pavements and to present the results of a series of laboratory tests which demonstrate how flexural strength may vary over a wide range due to the characteristics of the aggregates employed.

All pavement concrete, particularly that laid in the Northern States, must be designed so as to afford maximum resistance to weathering agencies. Assuming that the constituent materials are durable, it is generally agreed that this may be accomplished either by placing a maximum limit on the water-cement ratio or by requiring a cement content sufficiently high to insure that the maximum allowable water content will not be exceeded. The necessity for limiting the water-cement ratio to insure durability applies to all concrete exposed to the weather.

Insofar as strength characteristics are concerned, concrete for most purposes need only be investigated for compressive strength. However, compressive strength is not of primary importance in concrete for pavement slabs because of the character of the stresses to which such slabs are subjected. Live loads and changes in temperature and moisture, either alone or in combination, produce tensile and flexural stresses which pavements must resist in order to perform the function for which they are designed. Of the two, the flexural stresses are the more important. For this reason, flexural or bending stresses rather than compressive stresses become critical in cases where the concrete mixture is to be designed for use in highway pavements. Therefore the designer of concrete paving mixtures must give consideration not only to the factors that affect durability but also to those variables that affect flexural strength.

TESTS MADE TO DETERMINE CEMENT FACTOR FOR VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF AGGREGATES

The specifications for pavement concrete of the American Association of State Highway Officials specify that the proportions shall be based on laboratory tests and shall be such that, in the judgment of the engineer, they will assure durable concrete of the plasticity and workability required, and which will attain at the age of 14 days a modulus of rupture not less than 550 pounds per square inch when tested by the third point method of loading. In order to assure durability it is further specified that the net water-cement ratio shall in no case exceed 0.80 by volume (6.0 gallons per sack of cement).

The tests reported in this paper were made in an investigation of the design of concrete mixtures in which 25 different combinations of fine and coarse aggregate were used, the requirement being compliance with the above specifications. The work was done in the laboratory of the Public Roads Administration during 1936 at the request of the State Highway and Public Works Commission of North Carolina. The purpose was to

establish the cement factor required for various combinations of available aggregates, the information thus obtained to be used as the basis for bidding. Seven sands and 13 coarse aggregates, all commercially available in North Carolina, were investigated. The 25 combinations of materials were selected on the basis of economic availability and represented practically all combinations of aggregates that were likely to be encountered in practice in that State.

As will be noted from table 1 the sands varied in grading over a wide range, the fineness modulus of the finest being 2.12 and that of the coarsest, 3.37. All coarse aggregates were separated into three sizes and recombined for test in accordance with the grading shown in table 2, the maximum size being 2 inches. This table also gives the mineral composition of both the fine and coarse aggregates as well as their physical properties. One lot of cement, meeting all A. S. T. M. requirements, was used throughout.

In order to determine the required cement content for each combination of materials it was decided to establish directly the relation between cement content and flexural strength at 14 days, using mixtures with five different cement factors as follows: 4.4, 5.2, 6.0, 6.8, and 7.2 sacks of cement per cubic yard of concrete. This procedure also afforded an opportunity to establish the corresponding relations between water-cement ratio and flexural strength.

Table 1.—Sieve analysis of fine aggregates for concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates

Fine aggregate	1	Percenta	ge retaine	ed on sie	ve no.—		Fineness
Fine aggregate	4	8	16	30	50	100	modulus
1	0	0	2.8	35. 8	77. 3	95. 9	2. 12
3	.5	4.0	5. 3 19. 6	42. 8 58. 0	79. 4 93. 1	94. 4 99. 4	2. 22 2. 78
5	0	7.3	21. 2 26. 8	63. 2 62. 1	93. 2 89. 3	99. 0 97. 2	2. 81 2. 83
5	.1	7. 1	30.4	68. 3 81. 2	91. 0 97. 6	98. 4 99. 4	2. 9. 3. 3

The decision to design the mixes on the basis of a fixed cement factor rather than by the use of fixed water-cement ratios was made because of the fact that in the North Carolina specifications the final proportions are stated in terms of a fixed cement factor for each aggregate combination. The problem, therefore, resolved itself into one of designing 125 different concrete mixes: Five cement contents with each of the 25 combinations of aggregates. The problem was complicated by the fact that both angular and rounded coarse aggregates were used in combination with sands graded from extremely fine to extremely coarse.

In keeping with North Carolina practice the different mixes were designed with a view to maintaining a minimum of sand consistent with satisfactory workability at a consistency corresponding to a slump of 2½ inches. This was accomplished by making numerous trial batches, the ratio of fine to coarse aggregate

Table 2.—Physical properties of aggregates for concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates

		N	

Aggregate	Type	Bulk spe-	Weight p	er cu. ft.1	Vo	ids	Absorp-	Abrasio	n loss
Aggregate	Туре	cific gravity	Dry rodded	Dry loose	Dry rodded	Dry loose	tion	LosAngeles ³	Deval ³
	Dolomite	2. 82 2. 79 2. 69 2. 65 2. 64 2. 63 2. 62	Pounds 105 103 102 101 102 102 102 109 100 95	Pounds 97 93 92 91 93 92 91 93 92 90 91 87	Percent 41 42 41 40 38 38 39 42	Percent 45 47 47 46 44 44 47 45	Percent 0. 27 56 44 46 58 52 28	Percent 30. 4 33. 0 21. 1 51. 1 53. 5 37. 9 58. 4 30. 1 41. 9	Percent 4. 5. 2. 4. 2. 2. 3. 3.
		G	RAVEL						
0 1 2 3	Gneiss Quartz do do do	2. 67 2. 63 2. 63 2. 63	106 111 109 111	98 103 103 104	36 32 34 32	41 37 37 37 37	1. 19 . 22 . 28 . 32	47. 9 53. 7 40. 9 54. 9	18, 14, 8, 19,
			SAND						
	Quartz	2. 64 2. 63 2. 63 2. 64 2. 66 2. 64 2. 60	98 100 98 98 103 101 99	91 93 93 92 97 94	39 40 40 38 39	45 43 43 44 42 43 42	0. 40 . 50 . 40 . 40 . 35 . 32 . 70		
Total retain Total retain Total retain Total retain	gregates proportioned to give following grading in eed on 2-inch sieve eed on 1½-inch sieve eed on 34-inch sieve eed on No. 4 sieve								Percent 0 15 70 100 7,75

Grading A used with both stone and gravel.
 Grading A used with gravel. Stone sample consisted of 50 pieces weighing 5 kilograms.

being adjusted, in each case, until, in the opinion of the operator, the minimum sand content was reached.

The final proportions for each of the 5 cement factors and for each of the 25 aggregate combinations are shown in table 3. This table includes, in addition to the mix proportions by weight, the water-cement ratio by volume, the value of W_c , that is, the volume of water in a unit volume of concrete, the ratio b/b_0 as defined by Talbot and Richart,1 the mortar voids ratio,2 the percentage of sand by weight, the fineness modulus of the combined aggregate, and the resulting slump in inches.

SEVERAL THEORIES OF MIX DESIGN TRIED

In view of the fact that it was necessary to design 25 different mixes for each cement content, attempts were made to apply certain theories of mix design to the problem of determining the proper percentage of sand to use in each case. An attempt to use the fineness modulus theory of Abrams ³ proved unsuccessful due to the fact that a fixed value for maximum permissible fineness modulus could not be used, even in the case of a given sand combined with several coarse aggregates of the same general particle shape.

Next, an attempt was made to design on the basis of a fixed value for the mortar voids ratio, that is, a constant excess of mortar over the amount necessary to

fill the voids in the coarse aggregate. This was found satisfactory so long as particle shape remained reasonably constant. However, as will be noted in table 3, a

Table 3.—Data on concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates CEMENT FACTOR-4.4 SACKS PER CUBIC YARD

Aggre	gate		Water-			Mor-	Sand to	Fine- ness modu-	
Fine	Coarse	Proportions by weight	ratio by vol- ume	W_{\bullet}^{-1}	b/b0	tar voids ratio	total aggre- gate by weight	lus of com- bined aggre- gate	Slump
1	$ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 10 \end{array} \right. $	Pounds 94:254:548 94:264:524 94:267:519 94:226:553	1.04 1.08 1.06 .97	0. 169 . 176 . 173 . 158	0. 920 . 920 . 920 . 920	1. 19 1. 18 1. 18 1. 21	Percent 31. 7 33. 5 34. 0 29. 0	5. 88 5. 79 5. 77 6. 11	2.4 2.3 2.3 2.3
2	4 5 6 7 8 9 11 13	94:256:514 94:240:526 94:245:520 94:246:515 94:263:492 94:251:508 94:205:583	1.04 1.02 1.01 1.02 1.05 1.02 .86 .86	.169 .166 .164 .166 .171 .166 .140	.920 .920 .920 .920 .920 .920 .920	1. 19 1. 20 1. 20 1. 20 1. 19 1. 19 1. 23 1. 24	33, 2 31, 3 32, 0 32, 3 34, 8 33, 1 26, 0 25, 4	5, 88 6, 01 5, 98 5, 96 5, 83 5, 93 6, 31 6, 35	2.5 2.7 2.4 2.6 2.6 2.5
3	\begin{cases} 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 9 \end{cases}	94: 272: 492 94: 263: 501 94: 263: 497 94: 267: 492 94: 272: 486	1.07 1.03 1.04 1.03 1.03	. 174 . 168 . 169 . 168 . 168	. 880 . 880 . 880 . 880 . 880	1.30 1.31 1.31 1.31 1.30	35. 6 34. 4 34. 6 35. 2 35. 9	5, 94 6, 02 6, 02 5, 99 5, 96	2.4 2.6 2.5 2.4 2.5
4	13	94:224:550	. 95	. 155	. 860	1.45	28.9	6.32	2.6
5	{ 7 9	94:274:492 94:276:486		. 164	. 880	1.31 1.30	35. 8 36. 2	6, 00 5, 98	2. 5 2. 5
6	$\left\{\begin{array}{c}4\\6\\11\end{array}\right.$	94:280:480 94:277:486 94:237:545	1.03	. 179 . 168 . 147	. 860 . 860 . 860	1.36 1.37 1.44	36. 8 36. 3 30. 3	5. 96 6. 01 6. 30	2.4 2.4 2.6
7	{ 7	94:297:458 94:261:519		.109	.820	1.50 1.59	39. 3 33. 5	6. 02 6. 27	2.3 2.4

¹ Volume of water per unit volume of concrete.

¹ A. N. Talbot and F. E. Richart, University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station Bulletin 137. The term b/b_0 is defined as the ratio of the absolute volume of coarse aggregate in a unit volume of concrete (b) to the absolute volume of coarse aggregate in a unit volume of concrete. The values given in table 3 are on a dry-loose basis.

¹ The ratio of the volume of mortar in a unit volume of concrete to the volume of the

the voids in the coarse aggregate, determined in a dry-loose condition.

The Design of Concrete Mixtures, by D. A. Abrams. Bulletin No. 1, Structural Materials Research Laboratory, Lewis Institute.

Table 3.—Data on concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates-Continued

CEMENT FACTOR-5.2 SACKS PER CUBIC YARD

Aggre	gate		797					Fine-	
Fine	Coarse	Proportions by weight	Water- cement ratio by vol- ume	Wel	b/b ₀	Mor- tar voids ratio	Sand to total aggre- gate by weight	modu- lus of com- bined aggre- gate	Slump
		Pounds					Percent		Inches
	1 1	94:208:459	0.87	0.168	0.910	1. 22	31.2	5. 90	2.
	2	94:216:438	. 91	. 175	. 910	1. 21	33.0	5. 81	2.0
	3	94:217:434	. 90	. 173	. 910	1. 21	33.3	5, 80	2.
	10	94:183:463	. 82	. 158	.910	1. 24	28. 3	6. 15	2.
	1 4	94:207:430	. 89	. 171	. 910	1. 22	32. 5	5. 93	2.
	5	94:199:438	. 85	. 164	. 910	1.23	31.2	6.02	2.
	6	94:199:435	. 86	. 166	. 910	1.23	31.4	6.01	2.
	1 7	94:202:430	. 86	. 166	. 910	1. 22	32.0	5. 99	2.
	8	9+:215:410	. 89	. 171	. 910	1. 21	34.4	5. 85	2.
	9	94:205:425	. 86	. 166	. 910	1.22	32. 5	5. 95	2.
	11	94:169:486	. 72	. 139	. 910	1. 27	25.8	6.32	2.
	13	94:162:491	. 73	. 141	.910	1. 27	24.8	6.37	2.
	1 4	94:225:411	. 89	. 171	. 870	1.32	35.4	5. 96	2.
	5	94:217:420	. 85	. 164	. 870	1.34	34. 1	6.04	2.
	6	94:218:417	. 85	. 164	. 870	1.34	34. 3	6.02	2.
	7	94:218:412	. 87	. 168	. 870	1.33	34.6	6.02	2.
	9	94:222:407	. 87	. 168	. 870	1. 33	35. 3	5. 99	2,
1	. 13	94:184:459	. 79	. 152	. 850	1.48	28.6	6. 34	2.0
5	1 7	94:224:412	. 85	. 164	.870	1.33	35. 2	6, 03	2.
	1 9	94:224:407	. 87	. 168	. 870	1. 33	35. 5	6.02	2.
	1 4	94:231:401	. 92	. 177	. 850	1.39	36. 6	5. 98	2.
5	6	94:224:407	. 88	. 170	. 850	1.40	35. 5	6.05	2.
	(11	94:194:455	. 76	. 146	. 850	1.48	29. 9	6. 31	2.
7	1 7	94:243:382	. 88	. 170	. 810	1.53	38.9	6, 03	2.
	12	94:212:433	. 76	. 146	. 810	1.63	32.9	6, 30	2.

CEMENT FACTOR-6.0 SACKS PER CUBIC YARD

(1	94:173:393	0.76	0. 169	0.900	1. 24	30.6	5. 94	2. 5
. 1	2	94:181:377	. 78	. 173	. 900	1. 24	32.4	5. 84	2.6
1	3	94:181:373	. 78	. 173	, 900	1. 24	32.7	5. 84	2.7
l	10	94:153:397	. 71	. 158	.900	1. 27	27.8	6. 17	2.6
1	4	94:174:369	. 76	. 169	. 900	1. 24	32.0	5. 95	2.5
	5	94:162:377	. 75	. 167	. 900	1. 25	30.1	6.07	2.6
	6	94:166:372	. 75	. 167	. 900	1. 25	30.9	6.04	2.5
2	6 7 8	94:167:369	. 75	. 167	. 900	1. 25	31.2	6.02	2, 6
		94:181:352	. 77	. 171	, 900	1. 24	34.0	5.88	2.5
	9	94:167:365	. 77	. 171	. 900	1. 25	31.4	6.01	2,6
	11	94:138:417	. 64	. 142	. 900	1, 30	24. 9	6, 37	2.5
(13	94:133:422	, 64	. 142	. 900	1.30	24.0	6. 42	2.4
1	4	94:189:353	. 77	. 171	. 860	1.36	34. 9	5. 98	2.7
	5	94:182:359	. 74	. 164	. 860	1. 37	33. 6	6.06	2.7
3	6 7	94:184:356	. 74	. 164	. 860	1. 37	34.1	6.04	2.6
	7	94:185:353	. 74	. 164	. 860	1. 37	34. 4	6.02	2.4
ı	9	94:187:348	. 75	. 167	. 860	1. 36	35. 0	6.00	2.7
4	13	94:155:394	. 68	. 151	. 840	1.52	28. 2	6. 36	2, 5
5	7	94:189:353	. 73	. 162	. 860	1.37	34. 9	6, 04	2.6
1	9	94:191:348	. 74	. 164	. 860	1.36	35.4	6.02	2.6
. 1	4	94:196:344	. 78	. 173	. 840	1.42	36.3	5. 99	2.5
6	6	94:191:348	. 75	. 167	. 840	1.43	35. 4	6.05	2.4
1	11	94:165:389	. 65	. 144	. 840	1.51	29.8	6. 32	2.3
7	7	94:206:328	. 75	. 167	. 800	1.56	38.6	6.05	2.4
	12	94:178:371	, 66	. 147	. 800	1. 67	32.4	6. 32	2.5

CEMENT FACTOR-6.8 SACKS PER CUBIC YARD

		.1	04 150 040	0.00	l		1	1		
		1 2 3	94:150:343	0.65	0. 164	0.890	1.28	30.4	5. 95	2.3
1	13	2	94:156:327	. 68	. 171	. 890	1. 26	32. 3	5. 85	2. 6
			94:158:324	. 67	. 169	. 890	1. 26	32.8	5. 84	2.6
	1	10	94:128:347	. 63	. 159	. 890	1. 30	26. 9	6. 21	2.6
	1	4	94:148:321	. 68	. 171	. 890	1. 27	31.6	5. 98	2.5
	11	5	94:139:327	. 66	. 166	. 890	1.28	29.8	6.09	2.6
	11	6	94:143:324	. 65	. 164	. 890	1.28	30.6	6.06	2.5
2	1)	7	94:141:322	. 67	. 169	. 890	1.28	30. 5	6.06	2.6
-	1	8	94:153:307	. 68	. 171	. 890	1. 27	33, 3	5, 92	2.6
		9	94:144:317	. 67	. 169	. 890	1.28	31.2	6.02	2.6
	11	11	94:115:364	. 57	. 144	. 890	1.34	24.0	6.42	2.5
	1	13	94:110:368	. 58	. 146	. 890	1.34	23.0	6. 48	2. 5
	1	4 5	94:164:307	. 66	. 166	. 850	1.39	34.8	5, 98	2. 5
	ш	5	94:156:313	. 65	. 164	. 850	1.41	33. 3	6.08	2.6
3	1	6	94:159:310	. 64	. 161	. 850	1.40	33. 9	6.05	2. 5
		7	94:159:307	. 65	. 164	. 850	1.40	34. 1	6, 04	2.6
		9	94:161:302	. 66	. 166	. 850	1.39	34.8	6.02	2.6

2.4 2.4 2.6

2.3

Table 3 .- Data on concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates-Continued

Aggre	gate		Water-				Sand to	Fine- ness	
Fine	Coarse	Proportions by weight	cement ratio by vol- ume	W.1	b/b ₀	Mor- tar voids ratio	total aggre- gate by weight	modu- lus of com- bined aggre- gate	Slump
4	13	Pounds 94:130:343	. 61	. 154	. 830	1. 55	Percent 27. 5	6. 40	Inches 2.
5	{ 7 9	94:161:307 94:164:302	. 65 . 65	. 164	. 850 . 850	1. 40 1. 39	34. 4 35. 2	6.07 6.03	2. 6 2. 7
6	$\left\{\begin{array}{c}4\\6\\11\end{array}\right.$	94:165:301 94:161:303 94:137:340	.70 .67 .59	. 176 . 169 . 149	. 830 . 830 . 830	1. 44 1. 46 1. 54	35. 4 34. 7 28. 7	6.03 6.08 6.38	2. 5 2. 6 2. 5
7	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 7\\12\end{array}\right.$	94:178:286 94:152:323	. 65	. 164	. 790 . 790	1. 59 1. 71	38. 4 32. 0	6.05 6.34	2. 8 2. 4
	CEM	ENT FACTO	OR-7.2	SACI	S PE	R CU	BIC YA	RD	
1	$ \left\{\begin{array}{c} 1\\2\\3\\10 \end{array}\right. $	94:137:322 94:143:308 94:145:305 94:119:325	0. 63 . 65 . 64 . 60	0. 168 . 173 . 171 . 160	0, 885 , 885 , 885 , 885	1. 28 1. 27 1. 27 1. 31	29. 8 31. 7 32. 2 26. 8	5. 98 5. 88 5. 86 6. 23	2. 6 2. 6 2. 5 2. 6
2	4 5 6 7 8 9 11 13	94:136:302 94:128:309 94:130:306 94:133:302 94:141:289 94:135:299 94:105:341 94:102:345	. 64 . 62 . 62 . 64 . 62 . 55 . 55	. 171 . 165 . 165 . 165 . 171 . 165 . 147 . 147	. 885 . 885 . 885 . 885 . 885 . 885 . 885	1. 28 1. 30 1. 29 1. 29 1. 28 1. 29 1. 35 1. 35	31. 1 29. 3 29. 8 30. 6 32. 8 31. 1 23. 5 22. 8	6, 00 6, 12 6, 10 6, 06 5, 94 6, 04 6, 45 6, 49	2. 5 2. 5 2. 5 2. 4 2. 4 2. 4 2. 5 2. 4
3	\ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 9 \end{pmatrix}	94:151:289 94:144:294 94:146:292 94:146:289 94:149:284	. 63 . 61 . 61 . 62 . 62	. 168 . 163 . 163 . 165 . 165	. 845 . 845 . 845 . 845 . 845	1. 40 1. 42 1. 41 1. 41 1. 41	34. 3 32. 9 33. 3 33. 6 34. 4	6. 01 6. 10 6. 08 6. 07 6. 04	2.6 2.6 2.6 2.6

change from angular to rounded coarse aggregate resulted in an increase in the value of this ratio. (Compare combinations 2-4 to 2-9, inclusive, with combinations 2-11 and 2-13.)

. 176 . 168 . 149

. 165 . 147

. 58

. 61 163 165 945 845

. 825 1.58 27.1

6.41

6.09

2.5

 $\frac{2.6}{2.5}$

94:120:322

94:155:280

94:165:267 94:141:304

This particular difficulty was overcome by using a fixed value of b/b_0 in place of a constant mortar voids ratio. After making many trial batches it was found that, for a given cement content and a given sand, a constant value of b/b_0 could be used irrespective of type of coarse aggregate. (See table 3.) It was noted, furthermore, that certain consistent changes in b/b_0 resulted from changing the cement factor and sand Thus, for a given sand, table 3 shows that an increase in the cement factor of 0.8 sack resulted in a decrease of 0.01 in b/b_0 for equal workability. Furthermore, as the sand used became coarser, it was found necessary to reduce the value of b/b_0 . Thus at 6.0 sacks per cubic yard the value of this ratio decreased from 0.90 for sand No. 1 (F. M.=2.12) to 0.80 for sand No. 7 (F. M. = 3.37).

It is believed that the systematic variation in b/b_0 with changes in cement content revealed by these tests together with the principle stated by Lyse 4 in 1932 to the effect that, for a given combination of materials

⁴ Inge Lyse, Tests of Consistency and Strength of Concrete Having Constant Water Content. Proceedings A. S. T. M., vol. 32, pt. II, 1932.

and a given consistency, the total quantity of water per unit of volume of concrete (W_c) is constant regardless of the cement content, makes it possible to simplify considerably the problem of designing mixtures of varying cement content. Having established by trial the proper value of b/b_0 to use with given aggregates and with a given cement factor, the proportions required for the same consistency with any other cement factor may be obtained by computation, provided the aggregates have the same gradations as those used in the trial batch. This will be illustrated by an example.

Given a mix having:

The proportions 94:274:492 by weight. Water-cement ratio 1.01 by volume. Specific gravities of materials: Cement, 3.16; fine aggregate, 2.66; coarse aggregate, 2.63.

Percentage of voids in coarse aggregate (dry-loose), 44.5, the corresponding solid volumes per 1-sack batch would be as follows:

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Cement	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Fine aggregate	
Coarse aggregate	$\frac{492}{62.4 \times 2.63}$ = 3.00
Water (W/C)	
Yield	=6.14
Cement factor $=\frac{27}{6.14}=4$.	4 sacks per cubic yard.
Bulk volume of coarse a = 5.41 cubic feet.	$ggregate = \frac{3.00}{1.00 - 0.445}$
- 0.11 cable feet.	

Then $b/b_0 = \frac{5.41}{6.14} = 0.88$.

Water per unit volume of concrete (W_c) = $\frac{1.01}{6.14}$ = 0.164.

Having analyzed the above mix and determined the values of b/b_0 and W_c as 0.88 and 0.164, respectively, another mix will be designed with the same materials but with a cement factor of 6.8 sacks of cement per cubic yard of concrete, an increase of 2.4 sacks per cubic yard.

Following the procedure outlined, the value for W_c for the new mix would remain constant at 0.164. The new value for b/b_0 is determined as follows: For each increase of 0.8 sack per cubic yard in cement factor, b/b_0 is decreased 0.01. Therefore, the new value of b/b_0 is $0.88 - \frac{2.4}{0.8} \times 0.01 = 0.85$.

The yield per 1-sack batch for the new mix would be $\frac{27}{6.8}$ =3.97 cubic feet and the apparent or bulk volume of coarse aggregate would be $3.97\times0.85=3.37$ cubic feet. The corresponding solid volume of coarse aggregate $(b)=3.37\times(1-0.445)=1.87$ cubic feet; the solid volume of cement (c)=0.48 cubic feet; and the volume of water $(W/C)=3.97\times0.164=0.65$ cubic feet; making a total of 3.00 cubic feet. The only unknown quantity remaining is the volume of fine aggregate, which is determined by subtracting the sum of the solid volumes of coarse aggregate, cement, and water from the total yield. Therefore the solid volume of fine aggregate=

3.97-3.00=0.97 cubic feet. The complete proportions per 1-sack batch for the new mix would be as follows:

C	u.	ft.
	0.	48
Fine aggregate (solid)	0.	97
Coarse aggregate (solid)	1.	87
Water (\overline{W}/C)	0.	65
Total (solid)	3.	97

Multiplying the above by 62.4 times the appropriate values for specific gravity gives the following:

Weight proportions=94:161:307W/C=0.65 (by volume).

LOW WATER-CEMENT RATIO MAINTAINED USING FINE SANDS

By this procedure any mix, within a reasonable range, can readily be calculated provided the proper values of b/b_0 and W_c have been predetermined on the materials under investigation and, further, provided the slump is to remain constant. As can be seen from the example given above, the only unknown quantity in the mix is the amount of sand and this is determined by simple calculation. In these tests the water-cement ratio determined by calculation from the law of constant water per unit volume of concrete for a constant slump was not always the exact value needed to obtain the proper slump. However, it was possible in all cases to make the proper adjustment by slight changes in the ratio of water to sand, keeping the sum of the absolute volumes of the two ingredients constant. Even though the general law did not hold precisely in all individual cases, that is, to the third decimal, the following tabulation, which gives average values for the 25 combinations, will illustrate its accuracy.

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	6.0	 _	 						 	 				2	_	_	_	_	_		_			_	 	 			_	_					_		163
	6.8		 	_	_	_	-		 	 	_	-	_	_	_			-	_		_	_	_		 	 _		-	_	_	_	min		-	_		163
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In connection with the procedure employed, that is, the use of the highest value of b/b_0 compatible with workability, it is interesting to note that for a given coarse aggregate and a given cement factor it was possible to use approximately the same water-cement ratio irrespective of whether a coarse or fine sand was used. For instance, in table 3, using a cement factor of 6.0 sacks per cubic yard, coarse aggregate No. 7 was used with sands 2, 3, 5, and 7. These sands varied in fineness modulus from 2.22 to 3.37. However, the total range in water-cement ratio was only 0.02 (from 0.73 to 0.75), demonstrating that, by proper proportioning, it is possible to maintain a low water-cement ratio when using fine sands.

The concrete was mixed in a laboratory mixer of the type shown in figure 1. In order to approximate field conditions, the coarse aggregate was handled in a saturated surface-dry condition and the sand n a wet condition, correction for the free water in the sand being made when computing the water-cement ratio. Test specimens consisted of 6- by 6-inch beams, 21 inches long. In all, 625 specimens—25 combinations of material, times 5 mixes, times 5 specimens per mix made on each of 5 different working days—were fabricated. All strength tests were made at 14 days, the specimens being tested by the third point method

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FIGURE 1.—LABORATORY MIXER USED IN PREPARING TEST
MIXTURES.

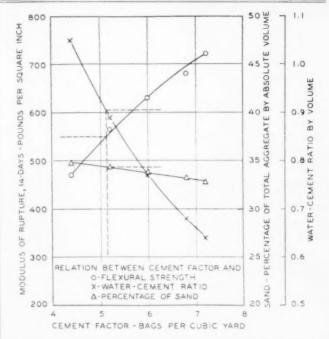
in accordance with A. S. T. M. Method C 78-39. The specimens were placed in the testing machine with the side, as molded, in tension.

The average flexural strengths for each combination of materials for each of the five different proportions are given in table 4. In discussing these results the various combinations of materials will be referred to by number. Thus, combination 2-4 refers to sand No. 2 combined with coarse aggregate No. 4. In order to illustrate the method of plotting the results for the purpose of determining the required cement factor for a specified modulus of rupture, two examples will be given.

CHART ENABLES COMPUTATION OF MIX DESIGN

Figure 2 shows a typical chart giving the relations between modulus of rupture and cement factor, watercement ratio and cement factor, and percentage of sand and cement factor. Considering first the strength-cement factor relationship, it will be noted from the curve that the required amount of cement to produce a modulus of rupture of 550 pounds per square inch was 5.1 sacks per cubic yard. The corresponding watercement ratio was 0.91 and the percentage of sand 34. From this type of chart a complete mix design could be computed for any strength specified within the range covered. In figure 2 for instance, the range in strength would be from about 500 to 700 pounds per square inch.

Frequently specifications for concrete contain a limiting value for water-cement ratio in order to assure durability. Assuming a maximum allowable value of 6 gallons per sack (W/C= 0.80 by volume), it will be observed from figure 2 that the required strength was obtained with a water-cement ratio of 0.91, which is more than allowable. From the water-cement ratio-cement factor curve it is seen that, in order to keep within the limits dictated by durability considerations, it would be necessary to use a cement factor of 5.8



AGGREGATE	NUMBER	TYPE	SP GR.	PERCENT ABS.	F.M
FINE	2	SAND	2.63	0.50	2.22
COARSE	8	GRANITE	2.62	0 28	7.75

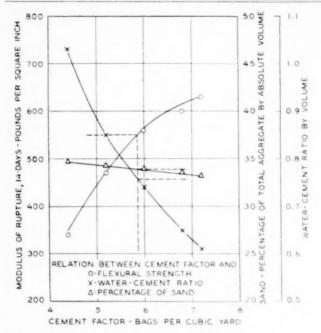
FIGURE 2.—CONCRETE MIX DESIGN CHART FOR COMBINATION 2-8.

sacks per cubic yard instead of 5.1 sacks, the resulting flexural strength being in excess of 600 pounds per square inch.

Table 4.—Average flexural strength, 14 days, of 6- by 6-inch beams tested on 18-inch span with third-point loading, for concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates

Aggregate		Мо	dulus of ru (sacks p	pture 1 for er cubic ya	cement fac rd) of—	tor
Fine	Coarse	4.4	5,2	6.0	6.8	7.2
1	{ 1 2 3 10	Lb. per sq. in. 470 460 435 380	Lb. per sq. in. 615 575 570 425	Lb. per sq. in. 655 655 715 510	Lb. per sq. in. 795 695 730 535	Lb. per sq. in. 765 755 745 545
2	4 5 6 7 8 9 11 13	455 430 475 440 470 470 490 430	510 505 570 505 565 565 500 485	540 575 620 555 630 600 545 535	630 635 640 610 680 665 635	655 630 615 640 720 680 635 615
3	\begin{cases} 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 9 \end{cases}	350 340 355 365 390	470 470 470 445 495	570 560 565 575 620	600 600 645 610 665	610 630 636 625 660
4	13	430	485	510	585	585
5	{ 7 9	395 395	490 510	565 615	610 675	670 695
6	$\left\{\begin{array}{c}4\\6\\11\end{array}\right.$	425 465 480	490 545 515	530 585 575	630 685 635	626 670 658
7	{ 7 12	395 505	490 555	565 630	630 675	626 683
Average		428	513	584	642	654

¹ Each value is average of 5 tests



AGGREGATE	NUMBER	TYPE	SP. GR.	PERCENT	F. M
FINE	3	SAND	2.63	0.40	2.75
COARSE	5	GRANITE	2.65	0.46	7.75

FIGURE 3.—CONCRETE MIX DESIGN CHART FOR COMBINATION 3-5.

Figure 3 gives the same type of data for a different combination of materials. The required cement factor as determined from the curve is 5.9 sacks, with a corresponding water-cement ratio of 0.75. In this case the strength is the governing factor while in the former case the maximum allowable water-cement ratio governs.

Charts similar to figures 2 and 3 were drawn for each of the 25 combinations of materials and the required cement factors obtained from the strength curves as illustrated. These cement factors are enumerated in table 5 and show values ranging from 4.9 sacks for combination 1–1, to 7.1 sacks for combination 1–10, or, for all practical purposes, from 5 to 7 sacks. In view of the fact that the same sand was used in both combinations, the strength differential in this case is a

Table 5.—Cement factor required for 550 pounds per square inch modulus of rupture, third point loading, for concrete mixes using North Carolina aggregates

Fine aggregate	Coarse aggregate	Cement factor	Fine aggregate	Coarse aggregate	Cement factor
	$\left\{\begin{array}{c}1\\2\\3\end{array}\right.$	Sacks per cubic yard 4.9 5.1	4	13	Sacks per cubic yard 6.4
	10	5. 1 7. 1	5	{ 7 9	5, 9 5, 5
2	4 5 6 7 8 9	5. 8 5. 7 5. 1 6. 0	6	$ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 6 \\ 11 \end{array} \right. $	6. 0 5. 3 5. 6
	8 9 11 13	5. 1 5. 0 5. 8 6. 2	7	{ 7	5. 9 5. 0
3	4 5 6 7 9	5. 8 5. 9 5. 9 6. 1 5. 5	*		

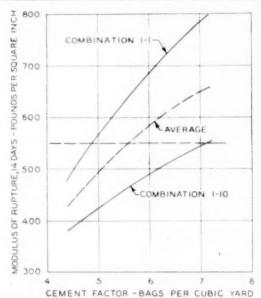


FIGURE 4.—RELATION BETWEEN CEMENT FACTOR AND FLEX-URAL STRENGTH OF CONCRETE. (AVERAGE CURVE AND MAXIMUM RANGE.)

direct function of the concrete-making properties of the two coarse aggregates.

In order to illustrate better the effect of aggregate characteristics upon flexural strength, figure 4 is shown. Three flexural strength-cement factor curves are given, one for combination 1–1, one for combination 1–10, and one for the average of all 25 combinations of materials, thus representing the average and the extreme ranges for the entire series of tests. From the shapes of the two extreme curves it is seen that they tend to converge at the lower cement factors. This is to be expected because of the fact that for very lean mixes the strength of the mortar determines the flexural strength of the concrete. However, as the cement content is increased and the mortar becomes stronger, the quality of the coarse aggregate and the bond between mortar and coarse aggregate become important factors.

Coarse aggregate number 1 was a dolomite of excellent quality having a surface texture which gave good bond with the mortar. With this aggregate, the full strength of the mortar appeared to have been developed up to a cement factor of 7 sacks per cubic yard. Aggregate number 10 was a structurally weaker material so that the full strength of the mortar was not developed. If the water-cement ratio was the only controlling factor, the strengths of combination 1-10 should have been greater than those developed by combination 1-1 because of the fact that lower water-cement ratios were used (table 3). Notwithstanding this fact, combination 1-1 gave 26 percent greater strength for the leanest mix and 44 percent greater strength for the richest mix. At a cement factor of 6 sacks per cubic yard, one commonly used for pavement mixes, combination 1-1 gave 40 percent greater strength than combination 1-10. While in this particular instance the low strength was probably due to structurally poor material, this is not always the case. Frequently aggregates which are structurally strong give comparatively low flexural strengths in concrete because of the fact that the surface texture does not permit of sufficient bond to develop the full strength of the mortar.

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DETERMINATION OF THE KINEMATIC VISCOSITY OF PETROLEUM ASPHALTS WITH A CAPILLARY TUBE VISCOSIMETER

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N many research investigations of bituminous materials the determination of consistency in poises or stokes is desirable since fundamental units give an accurate basis of comparison for different types of materials. Accurate comparisons are often very difficult to make from test values obtained by the use of empirical methods. In 1935, Messrs. Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker 1 reported the development of a new viscosimeter of the capillary tube type for the determination of the consistency of bitumens. They found that this instrument could be used to measure, at the same temperature, the absolute viscosity of all grades of road tars. Since its introduction, this instrument has been used in several investigations. Reports of these investigations 2 3 indicate that the instrument is useful and gives very accurate results.

A study of the viscosimeter, the data of which are given in this report, was made to ascertain the accuracy and the scope of this instrument for determining the kinematic viscosity of asphaltic materials, more especially petroleum asphalts of the 50-60 and 85-100 penetration grades. The value of these results for determining the viscosity-temperature susceptibility was also studied. Since at the present time there is much interest in these problems, the results of this investigation are reported in detail for the benefit of those actively engaged in the testing of bituminous materials.

INSTRUMENT USES PRINCIPLE OF CAPILLARITY

The operation of the viscosimeter is described by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker', as follows:

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With this new instrument, viscosity is determined by timing the flow of the material under test through a capillary tube. Contrary to the classical method of Ostwald, which utilizes gravitation as the driving force, the material is made to ascend through the capillary tube. This is accomplished by immersing in the the capillary tube. This is accomplished by immersing in the sample to be tested the lower end of a capillary tube, the upper end of which is connected with a partly evacuated reservoir. fixed points are chosen on the capillary tube and the time required for the passage of the air-sample interface between these points is noted. From the time, vacuum applied, the distance between points, and the radius of the bore of the capillary tube, the viscosity of the sample can be calculated.

The equation for calculating the viscosity from the observed data was derived by Volkmann, Rhodes, and Work 2 from Poiseuilles' equation for viscosity by capillary flow. This equation is:

$$\frac{\frac{\nu}{\Delta t}}{8\left[\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right) \times \log_{e}\left[\frac{\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right) - l_{1}}{\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right) - l_{2}}\right] - (l_{2} - l_{1})\right]}$$
(1)

New Viscosimeter for Bitumens Has Extended Range. Engineering News-Record, vol. 115, Nov. 21, 1935.
 Physical Properties of Coal Tars, by Volkmann, Rhodes, and Work. Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, vol. 28, June 1936.
 Consistency Measurements in the Coal Tar Industry, by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker. Symposium on Consistency, A. S. T. M., June 1937.

v=kinematic viscosity in stokes,

g=acceleration due to gravity (980 cm. per sec.²),

r=radius of capillary bore (cm.),

h=vacuum in centimeters of water,

 λ =length of capillary submerged in sample (cm.),

l_=length of capillary filled with liquid at start of time interval (cm.)

l₂=length of capillary filled with liquid at end of time interval (cm.)

ρ=density of sample at test temperature (gm. per cm.3), and

 $\Delta t = \text{time of rise between } l_1 \text{ and } l_2 \text{ (sec.)}.$

As explained by the earlier authors, this equation is very difficult to use for extremely low values of the logarithmic expression. For this reason, they expanded the logarithmic expression into a series and obtained the equation in the following form:

$$\frac{v}{\Delta t} = \frac{gr^2}{8\left[\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2}{2\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right)} + \frac{l_2^3 - l_1^3}{3\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right)^2} + \frac{l_2^4 - l_1^4}{4\left(\frac{h}{\rho} + \lambda\right)^3}\right]} - \dots (2)$$

In this study equation 2 has been simplified by neglecting all but the first two terms of the series in the denominator. Since \(\lambda\) is always controlled at 1.0 centimeter, the value $\lambda=1$ is used and the equation reduces to the following form:

$$\frac{\frac{\nu}{\Delta t} = \frac{gr^2}{4(l_2^2 - l_1^2)}}{\left[\frac{h}{\rho} + 1 - \frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2l_1 + l_1^2)}{3(l_2 + l_1)} + \frac{\left[\frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2l_1 + l_1^2)}{3(l_2 + l_1)}\right]^2}{\frac{h}{\rho} + 1 + \frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2l_1 + l_1^2)}{3(l_2 + l_1)}\right] - (3)}$$

A further approximation may be made by neglecting the last term in equation 3. The equation then

$$\frac{\nu}{\Delta t} = \frac{gr^2}{4(l_2^2 - l_1^2)} \left[\frac{h}{\rho} + 1 - \frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2 l_1 + l_1^2)}{(3l_2 + l_1)} \right] - \dots (4)$$

This equation may be expressed in the following

$$\frac{v_a}{\Delta t} = K\left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) + C_{---}$$
 (5)

where

 $u_a = \text{kinematic viscosity in centistokes,}$ H = vacuum in centimeters of mercury, andK, C=constants for chosen values of l_1 and l_2 .

The constants K and C include all instrumental constants and conversion factors as shown in table 1. This table also shows values of K and C for the various height intervals used in this report.

APPROXIMATE EQUATIONS MAKE POSSIBLE USE OF VARIOUS VALUES FOR I AND I

The two approximations that have been made in deriving equation 4 have opposite effects. The omission of all but the first two terms of the series in the denominator of equation 2 tends to increase the computed values of $\nu/\Delta t$, while the omission of the last term in equation 3 tends to decrease these values. The increase in computed values caused by the first approximation will be greater for large values of l2 and small values of l_1 . For a given value of l_2 , the decrease caused by the second approximation will be least for small values of l_1 . Therefore, the greatest error caused by the use of the approximate equation 4 will result when the value of l_2 is large and that of l_1 is small.

Table 1 .- Equations for calculating viscosity, and values of K and C for various values of l1 and l2

$$\frac{\nu}{\Delta t} = \frac{gr^2}{4(l_2^2 - l_1^2)} \left[\frac{h}{\rho} + 1 - \frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2 l_1 + l_1^2)}{3(l_1 + l_2)} \right] - \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t} = K\left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) + C - \dots (5)$$

or:

Length of capillary submerged in sample = 1.0 cm.

$$K = \frac{gr^2}{4(l_2^2 - l_1^2)} \times D_{Hg} \times 100$$

$$C = \frac{gr^2}{4(l_2^2 - l_1^2)} \left[1 - \frac{2(l_2^2 + l_2 l_1 + l_1^2)}{3(l_2 + l_1)} \right] \times 100$$

v = Kinematic viscosity in stokes, ν_a= Kinematic viscosity in centistokes,

 Δt = Time of rise between l_1 and l_2 (sec.), r = Radius of capillary bore (0.0571 cm.), g = Acceleration due to gravity (980 cm. per sec.?)

 l_1 = Length of capillary filled with liquid at start of time interval

 l_2 =Length of capillary filled with liquid at end of time interval

(cm.), = Vacuum in centimeters of water,

H = Vacuum in centimeters of mercury.

 ρ = Density of sample at test temperature (gm. per cm.³), D_{H_0} = Density of mercury at 25° C. (13.534 gm. per cm.³).

11	12	K	C	l_1	l ₃	K	C
2	3	216. 20	-24.5	3	5	67. 57	-15.4
2 2 2	4	90. 09	-14.0		5 8 10	120. 10	-31. 2
2	5	51. 48	-10.3	3 3	8	19. 66	-31.3 -7.3
2	6	33. 78	-9.1	3	10	11.88	-5.
3	6	40.04	-10.8	3	11	9. 65	-4.1
4	6	54. 05	-16.2	4	11	10.30	-5.
5	6	98. 28	-32.8	4	12	8. 45	-4.
5 3	4	154. 50	-28.8		- 1		

In this study the largest interval used was $l_1=4$ centimeters, $l_2=12$ centimeters. In table 2 are shown comparisons of the values of $\nu_a/\Delta t$ obtained with the exact equation and the approximate equation 4. The exact calculations were made by equation 1 except where notation is made that equation 2 was used. For the purposes of comparison, these calculations have been carried to a greater number of significant figures than would ordinarily be employed in computing viscosities from the test results. Calculations are shown for the intervals $l_1=4$ centimeters, $l_2=12$ centimeters, the largest interval used, and $l_1=3$ centimeters, $l_2=6$ centimeters, one of the intervals more frequently used in this study. The values of H/ρ included vary from 1.00 to 7.31 and it is seen that for all values of H/ρ of 3 or more

the maximum error is less than 0.5 percent, the error decreasing rapidly with increasing values of H/ρ . Although for values of H/ρ even as low as 2.20 the maximum error is only approximately 1 percent, for all values of H/ρ less than 3 it will generally be desirable to compute viscosities by equation 1, or to use a graph constructed with calculations made by this equation.

In this investigation, data on the specific gravity or density of the materials were available, and thus the kinematic viscosity has been reported. However, the absolute viscosity is desirable in many cases and for viscous asphaltic materials can be calculated within the accuracy of the method without the use of the density.

Table 2.—Comparison of values of $\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t}$ obtained with exact and approximate equations

	<i>l</i> ₁ =	=4 cm., l ₂ =12	cm.	$l_1=3 \text{ cm.}, l_2=6 \text{ cm.}$				
$\frac{H}{\rho}$	Value	es of $\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t}$	$\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t}$ (eq. 4)	Value	$\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t}$ (eq. 4)			
	Exact	Equation 4	$\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t}$ (exact)	Exact	Equation 4	να (exact)		
1. 00 1. 20 1. 40 1. 80 2. 20 2. 60 3. 60 3. 62 5. 10	3. 14 5. 00 6. 78 10. 24 13. 67 17. 08 1 20. 47 1 25. 72 1 38. 23 1 56. 96	3. 66 5. 35 7. 04 10. 42 13. 80 17. 18 20. 56 25. 80 38. 29 57. 02	1. 16561 1. 07000 1. 03835 1. 01758 1. 00950 1. 00585 1. 00440 1. 00311 1. 00157 1. 00105	28. 98 37. 03 45. 07 61. 13 77. 16 93. 18 1 109. 22 1 134. 07 1 193. 26 1 282. 02	29. 19 37. 20 45. 21 61. 22 77. 24 93. 25 109. 27 134. 11 193. 28 282. 04	1. 00725 1. 00459 1. 00319 1. 00147 1. 00104 1. 00075 1. 00046 1. 00030 1. 00010		

1 Values computed by equation 2 with 6 terms in the series.

It has been shown (equation 5) that the equation for kinematic viscosity is:

$$\frac{\nu_a}{\Delta t} = K\left(\frac{H}{\rho}\right) + C$$

 $\nu_a = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$; $\mu = \text{absolute viscosity in centipoises.}$

$$\frac{\mu}{\Delta t} = \rho \left[K \left(\frac{H}{\rho} \right) + C \right]$$

 $\frac{\mu}{\Delta t} = KH + \rho C$

For high vacuums the constant C is small compared to KH and the difference between C and ρC would not affect the results appreciably since for bituminous materials the density is usually very close to 1 gram per cubic centimeter.

In making the tests on asphalts it was found much more satisfactory to vary the values for l_1 and l_2 with the general consistency of the material rather than use only the intervals 4 to 12 centimeters for materials of low viscosity and 2 to 4 centimeters for those of high viscosity, as suggested in the original report.

The values for the height intervals most frequently used in this investigation were 3 to 6 centimeters for the higher temperatures, and 2 to 4 centimeters for the lower temperatures in testing the semisolid asphalts. For the test runs on the liquid materials the intervals 4 to 12 centimeters or 3 to 11 centimeters were generally

¹ New Viscosimeter for Bitumens Has Extended Range. Engineering News-Record, vol. 115, Nov. 21, 1935.

The capillary tubes were calibrated by calculating the volume, and thus the diameter, from the weight of mercury necessary to fill the tube over a definite recorded length. These calibrations were made both at the beginning and end of the tests. The results are shown in table 3.

The standard diameter is 0.1142 centimeters. An equation for the correction factors for the differences from this standard was derived; it is:

$$\left(\frac{\nu}{\Delta t}\right)_{t} = \left(\frac{\nu}{\Delta t}\right)_{0} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta d}{r_{0}}\right)$$

where

$$\left(\frac{\nu}{\Delta t}\right)_1$$
 = correct value,

$$\left(\frac{\nu}{\Delta t}\right)_0$$
 = value computed for standard diameter.

 r_0 = standard radius, and

 $\Delta d\!=\!$ difference between actual and standard diameters.

This is an approximate equation that gives results differing from those given by the exact equation by negligible amounts.

Table 3.—Initial and final diameters of capillary tubes

	1	1	1	b	•		1	0.				Initial diameter	Final diameter
1							-			-	-	Cm. 0.1149	Cm. 0. 1150
2.				_		_	_	_	_			. 1144	. 1141
3								_	_				. 1149

Using this equation, factors for each tube were found to be those given in table 4.

Since the maximum difference between the correct and computed value is approximately 1 percent, the precision of the determinations did not warrant making the correction.

APPARATUS MODIFIED TO GIVE MORE ACCURATE RESULTS

For this work the sample container supplied with the instrument was discarded and a test tube of 8-inch length and 1-inch inside diameter was used. This permitted use of a larger amount of material, and the clear vertical wall of the tube enabled better vision. In addition, sufficient test tubes were available so that the samples could be stored and repeated determinations at various temperatures could be made.

Table 4.—Conversion factors for diameters of capillary tubes

Tube No.	Conversio	n factor		
1400 240.	Initial Final			
1	1. 012	1.014		
2	1.0035	. 9982		
3		1.012		

It was found that the centering and depth of immersion of the tube were important factors in obtaining accurate results. In order to insure accuracy, a special holder which fits tightly in the top of the tube

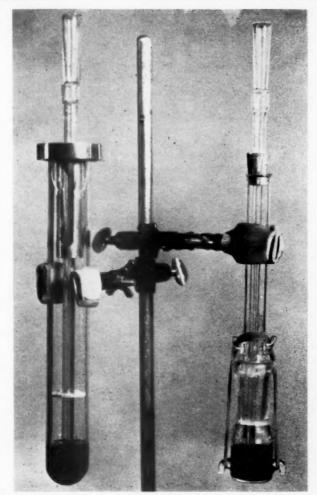


FIGURE 1.—Modified Testing Unit (left), and Unit Supplied with Instrument (right).

was made. It holds the capillary in place with a finger spring just tight enough to allow it to slide easily but not slip. In addition to this holder, a pasteboard disk cut to fit loosely in the test tube and tightly on the capillary, was placed on the tube approximately 3 centimeters above the surface of the sample. The use of these appliances made it possible to locate the capillary exactly in the center of the tube and to determine the depth of immersion accurately without difficulty. Figure 1 shows a photograph of the modified testing unit and the unit furnished with the instrument.

Accurate temperature control was obtained by the use of a standard thermometer placed in a test tube containing asphalt of the same type as the material under test. This gave a measure of the asphalt temperature at the center of the tube rather than the bath temperature.

A large enough portion of the sample to be tested to fill about 1 inch of the tube was heated and poured, then allowed to cool to room temperature for 1 hour. It was then placed in the bath maintained at the test temperature and allowed to stand for at least 1 hour before testing. The capillary tube was put in position at least 20 minutes before the first determination.

The reservoir was evacuated to the desired amount, the capillary connected to the system, and the stopcock opened. The time of rise through the distance l_1 to l_2 was recorded with a stop watch. The mercury manometer for the determination of vacuum was read at the beginning and at the end of the test. Under ordinary circumstances the vacuum will remain constant throughout the test since the decrease in volume of the air space resulting from the rise of the asphalt is infinitesimal compared to the total volume of the reservoir.

The temperature, length of time, initial and final height, vacuum, and density of the material at test temperature were recorded. These data were then

used to calculate the viscosity.

The capillary tubes were cleaned by heating in a bath of nitrobenzene maintained at approximately 100° C. by a boiling water bath. Air pressure was used to blow the asphalt out of each tube after it had softened sufficiently from the action of the heat and solvent. The tube was then washed clean in the same bath by alternate soaking and flushing, and the excess nitrobenzene removed with a current of air. The tube was allowed to cool slightly and then washed with ethyl ether and dried with air. Using this method, the tubes could be cleaned thoroughly in 3 to 5 minutes.

Check determinations were made on the same samples after the capillary tube had been cleaned and replaced. In order to insure complete equilibrium the capillary was allowed to stand in the sample at least 20 minutes before each test.

Samples that had remained undisturbed in the test tubes overnight or longer were preheated in an oil bath to 140–150° C. They were then allowed to cool to room temperature and the described procedure was followed. This preheating was found necessary in order to eliminate any effect of age hardening, except when the test temperature was 20 or more degrees above the softening point of the materials being tested. For these temperatures, tests showed no difference between results obtained on samples preheated and those placed directly in the bath.

The following four variables must be recorded for each determination: Temperature of test, vacuum (H), initial and final values of l_1 and l_2 , and the time of rise (Δt) . However, three of these are independent and are made constant for each determination; that is, the temperature, the values of l_1 and l_2 , and the vacuum. The time of rise is the only dependent variable and there is no difficulty in recording the necessary data.

The viscosity can be calculated very easily by the use of the approximate formulas as derived. The time required is no more than that necessary when the chart supplied with the instrument is used, and direct calculations eliminate the necessity for interpolating values of the density. It also makes possible the use of more convenient values for l_1 and l_2 .

FLOW GENERALLY UNIFORM THROUGHOUT LENGTH OF TUBE

Seventy-eight asphalts, which are representative of nearly every source and method of manufacture used in the United States, were studied in this investigation. Thirty-nine of these materials were of the 50–60 penetration grade and 39 were of the 85–100 penetration grade. Physical and chemical tests, both routine and special, have been made on all these asphalts, and are included in a report by Lewis and Welborn.⁴

Table 5 gives all available data on the source and method of refining these materials. Table 6 shows penetrations, softening points, and the kinematic viscosities at two temperatures of these asphalts.

Table 5.— Source and method of refining asphalt cements

Identifi- cation No.	Pro- ducer iden- tifica- tion	Source of base petroleum	Method of refining
1	1 2	California, Coalinga field California, San Joaquin Val- ley field.	Vacuum distillation. Reduction and steam distillation
4	3 4	dodo	Do. Steam distillation in continuous tube still.
5		California, Elk Hills field Colombia	Vacuum distillation. Vacuum distillation with pipe still
6	6-A 7-A	Mexico, Ebano field	Straight steam distillation.
8	8	Mexico.	Straight steam distination.
9		Mexico, Panuco field	Steam distillation in Trumble (pipe) still.
10		do	
11		do	Vacuum distillation in pipe still.
12	6-B	Mexico	Do.
13		Venezuela	Fire and steam distillation.
15		Venezuela, Mene Grande field.	Continuous distillation under sub atmospheric pressure with steam Distilled in batch stills at atmos
10	10-15		pheric pressure with steam.
16	7-B	Venezuela	Straight steam distillation.
17		do	Vacuum distillation in pipe still.
18		do	Steam distillation.
19		Arkansas, Smackover field	Vacuum distillation at a low temperature.
20		do	Vacuum distillation, 89 meltin point flux.
21		do	Vacuum distillation, 101 meltin point flux.
22	1	Arkansas, Nevada County	Pipe still distillation unit an vacuum bubble tower.
24		Oklahoma, Cement and Walters field.	Vocanam distillation in nine still
25		Oklahomado	Vacuum distillation in pipe stil partially oxidized.
26		do	Do.
27	20-A	do !	170.
28	20-B	do	
29		Oklahoma, Healdton and Graham.	
30		Kentucky and Illinois	Fire and steam distillation, possible blown.
31	23	Mexican - duo - sol - resid- uum from Oklahoma crude.	Steam distillation and air conversion in batch shell stills.
32	24-A	Kansas	Straight run, steam refined, vacuur process.
33		do	Produced from Winkler-Koc Shell still.
34		Wyoming	Fire and steam distillation.
35	25-B	Unknown	Do.
36	25-C	do	Do.
37	26-A	Mexico and domestic Gulf Coast.	
38		do	
39		Texas, Westbrook field	Dubbs sanding unions
40	28	Kentucky	Dubbs cracking process.

 $^{^{\}rm I}$ Source assumed, considering the producer and from the interpretation of test results.

True viscous liquids have laminar or straight-line flow in a capillary tube. In deriving the formula for this instrument it is assumed that the materials under test are such viscous liquids. The theoretical formula is also derived from a consideration of the viscous resistance between parallel layers of the substance being tested, when these layers are moving at various speeds from zero at the outer wall of the tube to a maximum at the axis. This condition is fulfilled in most capillary viscosimeters by wetting the tube with the material under test before the determination is made. However, with opaque substances such as bituminous materials this is not practical, and the determination is made by timing the rise in a clean tube.

In order to ascertain the effect of these deviations from the theoretical conditions on the flow of the asphalts in the tube, tests were made in which the times of rise for various increments of height were recorded.

⁴ The Physical and Chemical Properties of Petroleum Asphalts of the 50-60 and 85-100 Penetration Grades. Annual meeting of Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1940. PUBLIC ROADS, March 1940, vol. 21,

Table 6.—Consistency of the asphalts studied

		50-60 pe	enetration g	rade		85-100 p	enetration	grade
Identi- fication No.	Soft-	Pene- tration 100 gm.	Kinematie	viscosity	Soft-	Pene- tration	Kinemati	e viseosity
	point	5 sec . 25° C.	At 65° C.	At 85° C.	ening point	100gm. 5 sec., 25° C.	At 55° C.	At 75° C.
	°C.		Centistokes ×10-4	Centistokes ×10-4	°C.		Centistokes ×10→	Ceulistokes ×10-4
	48. 1	57	10.0	1.29	44.9	85	25. 2	1. 62
		61	16.5	2.07	44. 1	96	27.0	1. 93
		61	10.5	1.18	44. 2	95	23. 3	1.95
		60	14.7	1. 20	44. 2	92	22. 5	1. 7
		58	10.7	1.49	45.0	91	34. 7	2.66
1		52	25. 1	2.28	47. 0	92	43. 8	3.8
		58	39. 9	3, 58	49.0	96	65. 9	5. 95
		56	68. 8	5. 05	49.7	96	60. 4	4.4
)		53	53. 9	5, 61	49. 2	96	75. 6	6. 2
0		56	53. 1	5. 76	49. 5	95	80. 1	6.31
1		54	55. 1	6. 16	48.5	97	68. 9	6. 2
2		55	50.1	5. 77	48. 4	97	67. 7	5. 6
3		51	100.6	7. 25	47.4	94	52.7	4. 1
4		52	24.7	2.43	46. 2	95	36.0	3.0
5		52	46.6	3. 31	46. 2	92	41.2	3.1
6		48	78.5	6. 10	47.0	94	75.1	5.0
7	53. 2	48	37. 5	4. 20	47.8	92	70. 7	5. 2
8		51	32.8	4. 05	50.4	85	74. 1	5. 9
19	51.8	57	22. 3	2.69	46. 4	90	41: 4	3. 7
20	58. 4	58	76. 9	5. 45	49. 3	90	71.3	5. 2
21		57	31.4	3. 17	46. 1	97	42. 6	3.7
22		57	76. 2	6. 33	47.3	96	62.6	4.5
23		60	7.3	. 76	44. 4	91	26.3	1.7
24		54	63. 3	4. 73	47.7	94		
			30.4	3.02	48.0	94	34.6	2.9
26		53	45.4	2.89	48.6	84	54. 5	3.9
28		58	39. 2	3. 79	46.6	93	59. 1	4.3
29		38	24. 6	2. 53	46.3	92	32.5	2.6
30			53. 3	4 00	45. 2	92	25. 1 59. 8	1.8
		48	33. 3	4. 02	46. 9	90	39.8	4. 2
31		59 49	62. 2	5. 11	49.3 49.5	93 85	79. 6	5.9
33		46	16.8	3. 15			45.1	
34		58	46. 3	3, 69	48. 4	83 94	46. 6 57. 0	2.5
35		57	20. 0		46.9			3. 0
36		55	28. 9	1.74 2.56		96	38.4	3. 0
		52			49.6	92	84.2	
		55	54.9	4. 76	48. 0	96	59.0	4.2
			79.0	5. 24	49.5	95	111.2	6.0
		47	40.5	3. 11	46.8	86	47. 7	3.4
40	. 50. 5	50	23. 8	1.46	45. 0	87	34.3	2.4

These tests were made on the 85–100 penetration asphalts at 55° C. only. Asphalts 2 to 18, inclusive, with the exception of asphalt 14, were tested at the following intervals of height (in centimeters): 2 to 3, 2 to 4, 2 to 5, 2 to 6, 3 to 6, 4 to 6, and 5 to 6. Asphalts 19 to 40, inclusive, with the exception of asphalts 24 and 26, were tested at the following intervals (in centimeters): 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, and 5 to 6.

In general, at least two rounds of tests were made with each of these height intervals. The average, the maximum and minimum calculated value, the height intervals at which the maximum and minimum occurred and the maximum and average deviations from the mean for each round are shown in table 7.

All asphalts showed some deviation in the results, and there was considerable difference in the behavior of the various samples. The maximum deviation from the mean varied from zero for one round on sample 33 to as high as 8.4 percent for one round on sample 27. While a few of the asphalts showed very erratic results, as will be discussed later, in general there was no definite trend either in the height interval at which the maximum or minimum occurred or in the effect of the source or type of manufacture on results.

In general the maximum viscosities were obtained more frequently for the larger values of l_2 and the minimum viscosities for the lower values of l_2 . However, this trend is not definite enough to draw any positive conclusions. There was no point in the tube which gave consistently high or low values. The average maximum deviation from the mean for group A was

1.2 percent, and for group B was 1.3 percent. The mean deviation averaged 0.5 percent for group A and 0.7 percent for group B.

Table 7.—Effect of various values of l_1 and l_2 on the computed values for viscosity of the asphalts of the 85–100 penetration grade at 55° C.

A. CALCULATIONS FOR INTERVALS OF 2 TO 3 CM., 2 TO 4 CM., 2 TO 5 CM., 2 TO 6 CM., 3 TO 6 CM., 4 TO 6 CM., AND 5 TO 6 CM.

	Kln	ematic visco	slty	Inte	rval	Deviati me	
Identifica- tion No.	Maximum	Minimum	Average	For maxi- mum value	For mini- mum value	Maxi- mum	Aver- age
	Centistokes	Centistokes	Centistokes	Cm.	Cm.	Percent	Percen
	(27.2	26.7	27.0	2-4	2-5	1.1	0.6
2	27.2	26.8	27.0	4-6	2-4	.7	0.
	23.6	23.0	23. 2	5-6	2-5	1.7	
	23.6	23. 1	23.3	5-6	2-5	1.3	
	22.8	22. 2	22.5	2-3	2-5	1.3	
	22.8	22.4	22, 6	2-4	5-6	.9	
	33.8	33.1	33, 4	5-6	2-5	1.2	
	35.3	34.8	35.0	5-6	2-5	.9	
	36.3	35. 4	35. 8	5-6	3-6	1.4	
	1 44.8	43.3	44.1	5-6	2-3	1.8	1.
	44.4	43. 2	43. 7	2-3	2-5	1.6	1.
	43.9	43. 2	43.6	4-5	3-4	. 9	
	68.4	65, 8	66. 7	5-6	2-4	2.5	
	65. 7	64. 0	65. 1	5-6	2-3	1.7	
	60.8	60.0	60.3	2-3	2-5	. 8	
	61.5	59.6	60. 6	5-6	2-4	1.7	
	75. 2	74.5	75.0	4-6	2-3	1.7	
	76.4	76.1	76. 2	3-6	2-4	.3	
	80.5	78.8	79.8	4-6	2-3	1.3	
0	81.0	80.0	80.4	4-6	2-3	.8	
	69.4	69. 2	69.3	2-3	2-4	.1	
11	68.9	68. 2	68. 5	5-6	2-3	. 6	
	66.9	66.4	66.6	5-6	2-5	.5	
12	69.0	68.3	68.8	3-6	2-3	.7	
	53.1	51.9	52.6	5-6	2-4	1.0	
13	53.1	51.9	52. 7	4-6	2-4	1.5	
15	41.8	40.8	41.2	2-3	4-6	1.5	
	C 78 4	74.7	75. 1	2-5		1.5	
16				2-4	5-6	1.5	
	75.8	74.0	75. 1 70. 7		2-3 2-5		
17	71.1			5-6		.8	:
	74.7	70.3 72.9	70.6	5-6	3-6		
18	76.3		73. 6 74. 6	5-6 5-6	4-5 2-3	1.5 2.7	1.
A verage_						1.2	0.

B .CALCULATIONS FOR INTERVALS OF 2 TO 3 CM., 3 TO 4 CM., 4 TO 5 CM., AND 5 TO 6 CM.

	42.0	40.3	41.2	3-4	2-3	2.2	0.6
9	41.8	41.1	41.5	4-5	5-6	1.0	. 6
	41.9	41.3	41.6	2-3	5-6	. 7	. 5
	72.8	70.4	71.5	2-3	4-5	1.8	1.0
00	71.5	70. 7	71. 2	4-5	3-4	. 7	. 4
1	43, 0	42.5	42.7	3-4	4-5	.7	. 5
1	43. 3	41.7	42. 5	4-5	5-6	1.9	1. 2
1	63, 3	62.0	62. 6	2-3	5-6	1. 1	.8
2	64. 1	62. 7	63. 4	2-3	5-6	1. 1	. 5
	62. 3	61.3	61. 7	5-6	2-3	1. 0	. 5
13	26. 6	26. 2	26. 5	3-4	5-6	1.1	. 6
3	26. 4	26. 6		3-4	4-5		
13	34. 7		26. 2			. 8	. 4
		34. 1	34. 5	5-6	2-3	1. 2	. 5
	34. 3	33. 7	34.0	4-5	2-3	. 16	. 5
13	35. 8	35. 1	35. 5	2-3	4-5	1.1	.8
.	33. 7	32. 6	33. 2	2-3	4-5	1.8	. 8
8	32.8	32. 3	32.6	4-5	3-4	. 9	. 6
11	32.0	31. 3	31.6	5-6	3-4	1.3	- 7
	25. 0	24.9	24. 9	3-6	2-5	. 4	. 4
	25. 5	25. 3	25. 3	5-6	2-3	.8	. 2
	60.3	58. 9	59. 7	2-3	3-4	1.3	. 5
)	61. 7	58. 5	60.0	2-3	3-4	2.8	2.0
	60. 0	59.3	59. 7	2-3	5-6	.7	. 7
	45. 6	44. 6	45. 0	5-6	2-3	1.3	. 5
	45. 6	44.8	45.1	5-6	2-3	1.1	. 4
	44. 4	44. 4	44. 4	3-4	5-6	0	0
3	46.7	45.8	46. 1	5-6	3-4	1.3	. 6
	49.9	48.7	49. 1	2-3	5-6	1.6	. 7
	57. 1	55. 4	56. 1	5-6	2-3	1.8	. 9
	55. 2	53. 2	54.0	4-5	2-3	2. 2	. 6
- 11	37.7	37.1	37.4	5-6	2-3	.8	. 5
5	38.8	38. 0	38. 5	4-5	2-3	1.3	. 8
	39. 9	38, 8	39. 3	5-6	2-3	1.5	1. 1
6	84.9	81.9	83. 2	5-6	3-4	2.0	1. 2
0	85. 6	84. 8	85. 2	4-5	3-4	. 5	. 4
7	59. 3	57. 9	58, 5	5-6	2-3	1.4	. 7
	60. 5	58. 7	59. 4	4-5	3-4	1. 9	1. 0
0	34. 6	34. 1	34. 4	2-3	5-6	.9	. 5
	34. 5	33. 5	34. 1	3-4	4-5	1.8	. 8
Average			-			1.3	.7

Table 7.—Effect of various values of l_1 and l_2 on the computed values for viscosity of the asphalts of the 85-100 penetration grade at 55° C.—Continued

C. SAMPLES SHOWING ERRATIC RESULTS

	Kin	ematic visce	sity	Into	rval	Deviation	
Identifica- tion No.	Maximum	Minimum	Average	For maxi- mum value	For mini- mum value	Maxi- mum	Average
à.	Centislokes ×10-4	Centislokes ×10-	Centistokes	Cm.	Cm.	Percent	Percen
	65. 6	60. 6	62. 5	2-3	5-6	5. 0	2.
7	61.9	57. 1	59. 4	2-3	5-6	4.2	2.5
	72.3	62. 7	66. 7	2-3	5-6	8.4	4.1
1	80.8	75. 0	78. 1	5-6	2-3	4.0	2.
1	82. 6 80. 7	80, 0 77, 5	81. 1 79. 6	5-6 5-6	2-3 2-3	1.8 2.6	1.
	113.8	108. 3	111.0	5-6	2-3	2.5	2.
8	115.6	107. 3	111.4	5-6	2-3	3. 8	2.
	47.8	47. 2	47. 5	2-3	5-6	. 6	
9	49.2	45. 6	47. 9	3-4	4-5	4.8	1.

Samples 27, 31, 38, and 39 gave results showing much greater deviations from the mean than did the other materials. These samples are also peculiar as judged by the trend which the results showed. In all rounds sample 27 showed a progressive decrease in the calculated viscosity as the value of l_2 increased. For example, results on one round were: 65.6×10 4 centistokes for 2 to 3 centimeters; 62.4×10 4 for 3 to 4 centimeters; 61.5×10 4 for 4 to 5 centimeters; and 60.6 ×10 for 5 to 6 centimeters. For samples 31 and 38, the opposite condition was true—the calculated viscosity increased as the value of l_2 increased. For sample 31, one round showed 75.0×10 4 centistokes for 2 to 3 centimeters, 77.6×10 4 for 3 to 4 centimeters, 79.2×10 4 for 4 to 5 centimeters, and 80.8×10 for 5 to 6 centimeters. Sample 39 gave consistent results for one round, the maximum deviation from the mean being below the average; but for the other round there was a maximum deviation of 4.8 percent even though the average results of the two rounds checked very closely.

It is interesting to note that the materials known to be blends of different base asphalts had greater deviations from the mean than most of the other materials. Samples 31 and 38 were blends and showed marked peculiarities as already discussed. Samples 30 and 37, also blends, showed differences from the ordinary, but to a lesser degree. No definite information as to the source of the base petroleum or the method of manufacture was available for sample 27, but there is a possibility that it, too, was a blend.

These results indicate that the inside diameter of the tube is uniform since, if this were not true, there would be separate points at which the maximum and minimum values would be obtained. The accuracy of the formulas is also indicated by this lack of any systematic variation in results. In addition to this, the fact that the same asphalt shows maximum deviations varying appreciably between separate rounds on the same sample indicate that for this grade of asphalt the conditions of the test, the procedure, and the exactness of recording the data, cannot be expected to give an accuracy better than about 1 percent for calculations made with various height intervals.

All of the asphalts of the 50–60 grade were tested at 65° and 85° C., and all those of the 85–100 grade were tested at 55° and 75° C. These results are reported in

table 6. Other tests were made on a selected group of the asphalts over a range of temperature from 45° to 90° C., as shown in table 8.

Table 8. Kinematic viscosity of selected asphalts at various temperatures

50-60 PENETRATION GRADE

Identification			K	inemat	ic viscos	ity at-			
No.	45° C.	55° C.	60° C.	65° C.	70° C.	75° C.	80° C.	85° C.	90° €
	Centi-	Centi-	Centi-	Centi-	Centi-	Centi-	Cent.	Centi-	Centi
	stokes	stokes	stokes	stokes	stokes	stokes	stokes	stokes	stoke
	X10-4	X10-4	×10-4	×10-1	×10→	X10-4	×10-4	×10-1	×10
3			21.6	10.5	1	3. 41	2.53	1.18	
7		167	78.7	39.9	19.5		5, 94	3, 58	
13				100.6	59, 1	28. 23	12, 20	7. 25	
14		120	51.6	24. 7	12.9		4.01	2.43	
15			1	46, 6	22.8	11.70	5, 64	3, 31	
23	1		100	7.3	2010	2.14	0.01	. 76	
24			10.0	63. 3		17. 01	8, 84	4. 73	2.8
25		147		30. 4		9. 47	5. 24	3.02	1.8
26		248		45. 4	20. 2	9. 95	5, 38	2.89	1. 7
				53. 3	26. 4	13. 61	0.00	4. 02	
			104 4			13. 01	0.10		
31		270	104, 4	62. 2	26. 5	0.00	8. 12	5. 11	*****
32		148		29. 9	16.5	9, 80	4. 83	3. 15	
33				16, 8	7.0	3.40		1.02	. 6
10			48, 4	23.8	11.5	4. 52	2.88	1. 46	

85-100 PENETRATION GRADE

3	134	23. 3				
7	387	65, 9	 19. 5	 5. 92	 2.31	
13	364	52. 7	 14.6	 4. 10	 1.54	
14	237	36.0			 1.12	
15	278	41.2	 10.8			
23	233		 7.2	 1.77		
25	205	34.6	 10. 2		 1. 21	
30	345					
31	513	79.6				
32	315		 12.8			
33	593		9.6			
40	291	34. 3	 8.6	 2, 45		

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These reported results are the average of two or three tests; two when there was close agreement, and three or more when the difference in results of the first two tests was rather large. Since it was of primary interest to gain a definite knowledge of the ability to get check results with this type of material, an analysis of the maximum percentage deviation from the mean is shown in table 9. The total number of samples tested at each temperature and the number of samples which had maximum deviation from the mean between various percentage limits are shown. The average maximum deviation for all tests, and for values below 6.1 percent, are also included.

The average maximum deviation from the mean for all tests on the asphalts of 50–60 penetration, excluding those values of 6.1 percent or greater, was 2.3 percent; and for the asphalts of 85–100 penetration was 1.4 percent. The asphalts of the 85–100 grade were tested after the changes in the apparatus had been made, as previously described. Therefore, it is believed that the average maximum deviation of 1.4 percent more nearly represents the accuracy of the test than the higher figure obtained with the 50–60 grade.

It will be noted that 72.8 percent of the tests on the 85-100 grade checked within 2 percent and 85.1 percent had maximum deviations of less than 3 percent. In general, with most asphalts of these grades the operator should be able to obtain checks within ±2 percent deviation from the mean, by running 3 or 4 trials. However, some asphalts exhibit peculiarities and the

results of repeated trials will not check closely despite every precaution of the operator.

Table 9.—Precision of test results obtained with asphalts of the 50-60 and 85-100 penetration grades

50-60 PENETRATION GRADE

	Num- ber				es with mean			Ave maxi devis	mum
Test temperature, ${}^{\circ}C$.	of sam- ples test- ed	0-1.0 per- c nt	1.1- 2.0 per- cent	2.1- 3.0 per- cent	3.1- 4.0 per- cent	4.1~ 6.0 per- cent	6.1+ per- cent	For all val- ues	For val- ues less than 6.1
555	4 12 39 10 11 11 39 4	3 0 14 4 2 5 13 2	8 2 3 1 10 1	1 4 8 1 2 2 7	0 4 4 0 1 2 2 0	0 1 5 1 0 1 3	0 2 0 2 3 0 4	Per- cent 0.9 3.5 2.1 2.6 3.5 1.9 2.2 1.8	Per- cent 0.8 3.0 2.1 1.8 1.8 1.8
Total Percentage Average		43 33. 1	26 20. 0	25 19. 2	13 10. 0	9. 2	11 8. 5	2.4	2.

85-100 PENETRATION GRADE

55	39 12 39 12	24 5 19 5	8 2 13 2	4 0 4 3	1 1 2 1	1 2 1	1 2 0 0	1.4 2.7 1.2 1.7	1. 1 1. 6 1. 2
Total	114	56 49. 1	27 23. 7	14 12. 3	6. 15	7 6. 15	3 2.6	1.6	1.4

The most striking example of this erratic behavior was sample 33 of the 85–100 penetration grade. This material was a cracked product which showed a positive spot in xylene when tested according to the Oliensis method. The test results on this sample are given in table 10.

Sample 27 of the 85–100 penetration grade, which showed the greatest deviation in the same round (table 7), also gave the greatest difficulty in obtaining check results at 55° C. Six tests were made, the results varying as follows: 52.6×10⁴; 58.8×10⁴; 54.8×10⁴; 62.5×10⁴; 59.4×10⁴; 66.7×10⁴. The average was 59.1×10⁴. The maximum deviation from the mean is 12.6 percent. The results at 75° C. for this sample did not show this same irregularity but checked within 0.6 percent deviation from the mean.

TABLE 10.—Results of tests on sample 33

Test		Kinematic	viscosity dete	rmination-		Maxi-
tempera-	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	devia- tion from mean
° C.	Centistokes ×10-1 587. 9 44. 39 1 12. 28 1 3. 000 ,80	Centistokes ×10-4 563. 6 46. 13 10. 44 2. 506 84	Centistokes ×10-4 623. 9 49. 14 8. 85 2. 494	Centistokes ×10-4 1 464. 6 9. 89	Centistokes ×10-4 593. 4 46. 6 9. 6 2. 50 . 82	Percent 5. 5. 8.

Test not included in average.

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For testing the asphalts of the 85-100 penetration grade, the greatest average maximum deviation for all values varying less than 6.1 percent was 2.5 percent and

this value was obtained for tests made at 45° C., the lowest temperature used for this grade of material. At the lowest test temperature used for the 50-60 penetration asphalts, which was 55° C., only seven asphalts were tested and on three of these only one test was made. The four that were checked had an average maximum deviation from the mean of only 0.9 percent. However, the average maximum deviations from the mean for the 50-60 grade asphalts tested at 60° C. and 65° C., excluding all values of 6.1 percent or greater, were higher than those values obtained at the higher temperatures. These results indicate that the instrument is less accurate for the determination of high viscosities of the magnitude obtained near temperatures of the softening points of the asphalts.

A number of liquid asphaltic materials of the rapid-, medium-, and slow-curing types, as well as two asphalts of approximately 200 penetration, also were tested for kinematic viscosity with this instrument. All of these materials were tested at 35° C., the temperature used in the work reported by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker. Eleven samples were tested also at 25° C. and 50° C. The results of these tests are shown in table 11.

The viscosities of these materials at the test temperature of 35° C. ranged from 513 centistokes for the RC material to 138×10⁴ centistokes for one of the 200 penetration asphalts. As in the case of the work done on the harder asphalts, two or more determinations were made on the same sample, and the mean of these results is the value reported for the viscosity. The maximum percentage deviation for the tests on each sample is also shown in table 11. It will be noted that more consistent results were obtained with these less viscous materials than with the semisolid asphalts. The greatest maximum deviation from the mean was only 2.6 percent and, out of 49 tests, only 7 had maximum deviations from the mean of 2 percent or more. Thirtyfive samples checked within 1 percent or less. Test values widely different from the mean, as reported for some of the asphalts, were not obtained with these materials. In most cases three tests were made for each sample, and all the results were used to compute the average. The tests made on these materials indicate that the instrument has a relatively wide range, and that the consistency of a large number of asphaltic materials can be determined adequately at a temperature of 35° C.

VISCOSITY-TEMPERATURE DATA PLOTTED TO GIVE A STRAIGHT LINE

The data shown in table 6 on the kinematic viscosities of all the asphalts of each grade serve to emphasize the known fact that asphalts having essentially the same consistency at 25° C. may have widely different consistencies at higher temperatures. For example, the viscosity of the 50–60 penetration asphalts at 65° C. ranged from a minimum of 7.3×10^4 centistokes for sample 23 to a maximum of 100.6×10^4 centistokes for sample 13. These asphalts had penetrations at 25° C. of 60 and 51, respectively. The same relative difference is shown for the tests made at 85° C. While the maximum difference is not as great with the 85–100 grade, the viscosities ranged from 22.5×10^4 to 111.2×10^4 centistokes at 55° C., and from 1.62×10^4 to 6.31×10^4 centistokes at 75° C.

Since these differences are known to exist, knowledge

New Viscosimeter for Bitumens Has Extended Range. Engineering News-Record, vol. 115, Nov. 21, 1935.

Table 11.- Viscosity determinations for various types of asphaltic materials

		Rout	ine consisten	cy determin	ation	Tests a	t 25° C.	Tests a	t 35° C.	Tests a	₹ 50° C.
Туре	Grade desig- nation •	Furol	visensity	Engler specific	Penetration 100 gm., 5	Kinematic	Maximum deviation	Kinematic	Maximum deviation	Kinematic	Maximum
		At 50° C.	At 60° C.	viscosity at 100° C.	sec. at 25° C.	viscosity	from mean	viscosity	from mean	viscosity	from mean
	1	Seconds 108	Seconds			Centistokes	Percent	Centistokes 513	Percent	Centistokes	Percent
***************************************	2	320				794×10	1.1	262×10	2.3	584	0.
	3	************	292					480×10	.4		
	3		325					532×10	. 5		
	3		310					460×10	.7		
	3		299					505×10	.9	*********	
	3		307					454×10	.2	********	******
	3		286	*********	********			453×10	. 6		
*******************	3		313					485×10	. 3		******
**********	3	*********	325	*********	*********			497×10	.2		
************************	3		380				**********	629×10	. 2		
	3	*********	383				*********	519×10	.1		
	3		377					592×10	. 5		
*********	3		340					588×10	. 5		
********************	3		364					608×10	1.0		
************************	. 4		631			133×10 ⁹	1.1	277×10 ³	.4	430×10	2
	2	213				588×10	.8	186×10	2.0	487	
	2	234				101×103	.7	222×10	.4	554	2
	2		178					442×10	. 1		
********************	2		196			*********	********	475×10	1.7		
	. 2		170			168×10 ^a	.4	416×10	1. 2	858	1
	(6)		225		*********	300×10 ^a	1.3	657×10	.3	126×10	
********************	(5)		247			785×10	2.6	355×10	.8	106×10	1
*******	(1)		231		*********	964×10	.4	378×10	.8	103×10	
**********	3		366		**********	810×102	.7	153×10 ³	1.0	241×10	
*******************	4			21.7	*********			698×10 ³	.4		
***************************************	4			16. 2	********			366×103	.3	**********	
	(c)				202	178×10 ⁵	(4)	108×104	1.0	761×102	2
*** ******************	(0)				212	183×10 ⁸	(d)	138×104	. 2	884×10 ²	2

Asphalt Institute Construction Series Number 51, Jan. 1, 1940, except as noted in footnote c.
 Falls between grades 2 and 3.
 Penetration grade. 200-250.
 Only one test made.

of the change of consistency with temperature is very This problem has recently received the attention of many investigators. In order to determine the suitability of the instrument for obtaining these data, tests were made over a range of temperature for a selected group of asphalts. Fourteen of the 50-60 grade asphalts and 12 of the 85-100 grade were tested at temperatures varying from slightly below the softening points of the materials to 90° C. Table 8 shows the ing points of the materials to 90° C. results of these tests, which range from approximately 6,000 to 6,000,000 centistokes.

While it is possible to obtain higher viscosities than here reported, the time of rise becomes so long that it is not practical to run tests for viscosities higher than 6,000,000 centistokes. For this value the time of rise from 2 to 3 centimeters is approximately 12 minutes at the maximum vacuum obtainable. In addition, the time of rise to the starting point is several minutes.

In tests run for other investigations, results as high as 31,000,000 centistokes were obtained. However, the time required for one test was approximately 3 hours. Inability to obtain check tests and the time required in making each determination renders the instrument unsuitable to use for such high viscosities.

It is also possible to obtain viscosities much lower than the 6,000 centistokes reported for these asphalts at 90° C., but the high temperature necessary for these grades of asphalt makes it difficult with the same procedure and bath normally used. With additional heating coils and suitable liquids for the thermostat, it would be possible to extend the range to higher temperatures than here used, but for the purpose of this investigation this was not considered necessary.

Graphical presentation of results is very desirable for viscosity-temperature data, and many relations have been proposed so that the curve when plotted becomes

a straight line. Several investigators 5 working independently have shown that for a liquid of definite chemical composition the viscosity should change with temperature according to the formula:

$$\mu = Ae^{B/T}$$

where

 $\mu = absolute viscosity,$

T=absolute temperature,

e=constant (base of Napierian logarithms), and

A. B = constants.

When this formula is expressed in logarithmic form it becomes:

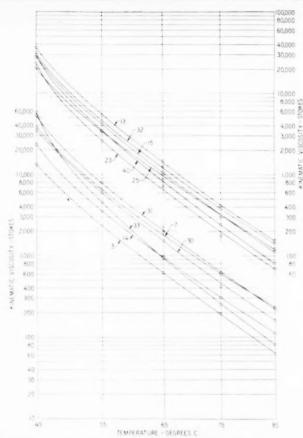
$$\log \mu = \log A + \left(\frac{B}{T}\right) \log e$$

Thus a straight line should be obtained when log µ is plotted against the reciprocal of the absolute tem-

The data shown in table 8 were plotted in this manner except that the kinematic instead of absolute viscosity was used. However, the density of the asphalts is so close to 1 gram per cubic centimeter at these test temperatures that there is no essential difference between the curves plotted with either value.

Figures 2 and 3 show these curves for each grade of asphalt. As will be noted, the curvature, of the line increases as the temperature approaches the softening point of the asphalt. As will be shown later, there is a possibility that the viscosities obtained with the instrument at or near temperatures of the softening point are higher than the true viscosities because of the limitations of the instrument. Consequently, the curvature

Elasticity, Plasticity and Structure of Matter, by Houwink. Cambridge University Press (1937), p. 38. See also. E. N. da C. Andrade, Nature, vol. 125 (1930) p. 580. D. E. Sheppard, J. Rheology, vol. 1 (1930), p. 349.



-RELATION BETWEEN LOG VISCOSITY AND RECIPRO-FIGURE 2.-CAL OF ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE FOR THE 85-100 PENETRA-TION ASPHALTS.

shown in the graph may be somewhat exaggerated. The shape of each curve is essentially the same, although some show slightly greater curvature than others.

Although asphalts are not liquids of a definite chemical composition, and in some cases exhibit plastic properties, these curves are of interest since they take into consideration the physical characteristics of the asphalts and no empirical constants have been introduced. It is believed that in a study of the deviations from a true liquid, or the changes in susceptibility over a wide range of temperature, these curves would be very valuable. However, from a practical standpoint they have no direct application and they cannot be used to calculate a susceptibility factor which would hold over an appreciable range of temperature.

As discussed by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker,³ an empirical relationship between viscosity and temperature has been established. It is:

$$\log \left(\frac{\log (\nu_{a1} + 0.8)}{\log (\nu_{a2} + 0.8)} \right) = m \times \log \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

E

a

where ν_{a1} and ν_{a2} are the kinematic viscosities in centistokes at the absolute temperatures T_1 and T_2 , respectively. Ubbelohde, Ullrich, and Walther ⁶ found this relationship to be the most accurate expression for the

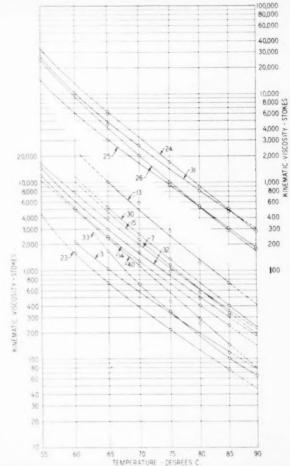


FIGURE 3.—RELATION BETWEEN LOG VISCOSITY AND RECIPRO-CAL OF ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE FOR THE 50-60 PENETRATION

viscosity-temperature data for coal tars, and the same formula is used the the American Society for Testing Materials as the basis for the construction of the tentative standard viscosity-temperature charts for liquid petroleum products.7

SLOPE OF VISCOSITY-TEMPERATURE CURVE DIFFERS FROM V. T. S. COEFFICIENT BY A CONSTANT FACTOR

For high viscosities the figure 0.8 added to the kinematic viscosity has no significance, and thus, if the double logarithm of the kinematic viscosity in centistokes is plotted against the logarithm of the absolute temperature, a straight line should be obtained.

The data in table 8 were plotted in this way and several typical curves are shown in figures 4 and 5. With the exception of some of the viscosities determined at or very close to the temperature of the softening point of the materials under test, all the values fall close to the straight line. If the viscosities at temperatures close to those of the softening point deviate from the straight line they always fall above it. No attempt was made to determine the cause of this deviation since no other instrument to measure absolute viscosities of this magnitude was available. This deviation may be caused by a change in the susceptibility of the asphalts at temperatures near the softening point, or because of

⁷ Tentative viscosity-temperature chart for liquid petroleum products. A. S. T. M.

[†] Consistency Measurements in the Coal Tar Industry, by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker. Symposium on Consistency, A. S. T. M., June 1937.
[‡] Beitrag zur Kennzeichnung von Teeren und Bitumen auf Grund der Abhängigkeit ther Viskosität von der Temperatur, Oel und Kohle, Veneinigt mit Endoel und Teer, vol. 11, No. 36, Sept. 22, 1935, pp. 684-690.

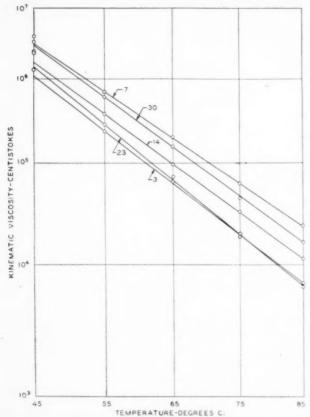


FIGURE 4.—RELATION BETWEEN LOG LOG VISCOSITY AND LOG ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE FOR SELECTED 85-100 GRADE ASPHALTS.

the inability of the instrument to give accurate results at these high viscosities. However, no definite conclusions can be drawn.

The slope m of the viscosity-temperature curve can readily be calculated from the viscosity at two temperatures or from the graph when plotted. The equation for the slope may be expressed as follows:

$$m = \frac{\log \log \nu_{a1} - \log \log \nu_{a2}}{\log T_1 - \log T_2}$$

where ν_{a1} and ν_{a2} are the kinematic viscosities in centistokes at the absolute temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively.

The value of the slope m was calculated for all the asphalts using the viscosities at 65° C. and 85° C. for the 50-60 penetration grade and the viscosities at 55° C. and 75° C. for the 85-100 penetration grade. These data are shown in table 12. While the sign of these slopes is always negative, this sign only indicates the direction of the slope and is not shown in the table.

These slopes differ by a constant factor from the "viscosity-temperature-susceptibility" (V. T. S.) coefficient which has been proposed by H. G. Nevitt and L. C. Krchma ⁸ as a temperature susceptibility index, and which these authors claim gives more useful information than the various susceptibility factors based on empirical consistency measurements. The V. T. S. coefficient for these asphalts can be calculated by multiplying the slopes as given in table 12 by the factor

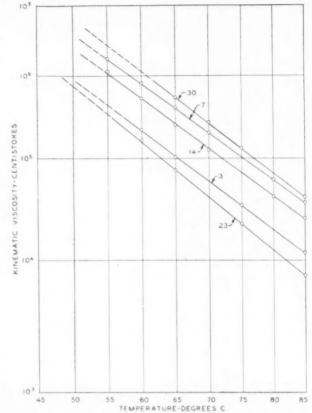


FIGURE 5.—RELATION BETWEEN LOG LOG VISCOSITY AND LOG ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE FOR SELECTED 50-60 GRADE ASPHALTS.

0.221. The V. T. S. coefficient also can be determined directly from the A. S. T. M. viscosity-temperature chart when the data are plotted, since it is equal to the tangent of the measured angle that the plotted line makes with the temperature axis.

Table 12.—Calculated slope 1 of the log. log. kinematic viscositylog. absolute temperature curves

	Slo	ре		Slo	ре
Identifica- tion No.	50-60 penetration grade	85-100 penetration grade	Identifica- tion No.	50-60 penetration grade	85-100 penetration grade
12	3. 40 3. 30	4. 21 4. 00	21	3. 45 3. 52	3. 49 3. 69
3	3. 64 4. 11	3. 81 3. 92	23	3. 92 3. 75	4. 12
5	3. 24 3. 72	3. 80 3. 51	25	3. 51 4. 17	3. 25 3. 73
7	3.60	3.35	27	3.48	3.70
9	3. 75 3. 27	3. 70 3. 44	28	3, 52	3. 71 3. 95
10	3. 21 3. 15	3. 50 3. 34	30	3. 79 3. 60	3. 76
12	3. 13	3. 45	32	3. 42	3. 59 4. 29
14	3. 67 3. 59	3. 64 3. 61	34	4. 61 3. 75	3. 75
16	3. 93 3. 62	3. 74 3. 76	35	3. 88 3. 72	3. 72 4. 03
17	3. 25	3. 62	37	3, 55	3.71
18	3. 13 3. 27	3. 92 3. 49	38	3. 87 3. 85	3. 79
20	3. 78	3. 63	40	4.44	3.9

¹ Calculated from kinematic viscosity data given in table 6.

The viscosity values obtained on the 50-60 and 85-100 penetration grade asphalts at the temperatures used in this report could not readily be correlated with

¹ The Effect of Temperature on the Consistency of Asphalts—the Viscosity Temperature Susceptibility Coefficient as an Index. Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Analytical Edition, vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 119-122 (1937).

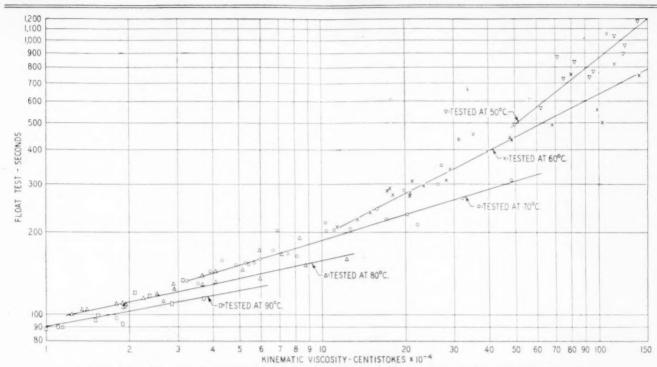


FIGURE 6.—RELATION BETWEEN KINEMATIC VISCOSITY AND FLOAT TEST AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES.

Table 13.—Float test and interpolated viscosity at various temperatures

	Tests a	t 50° C.	Tests a	t 60° C.	Tests a	t 70° C.	Tests a	t 80° C.	Tests a	it 90° C.
Identification number	Float test	Kinematic viscosity	Float test	Kinematic viscosity	Float test	Kinematic viscosity	Float test	Kinematic viscosity	Float test	Kinematic viscosity
		Centistokes ×10 ⁻⁴	Seconds 308 751 858 443 504 237 748 493 558 821 1,067 606 438 438	Centistokes X10-4 21. 6 78. 7 241. 0 51. 6 102. 7 16. 0 139. 5 68. 3 99. 5 113. 8 104. 4 56. 9 31. 3 48. 4	Seconds 160 285 310 206 214 144 267 224 232 300 352 244 204	Centistokes ×10-4 0.0 19.5 59.1 12.9 22.8 3.9 32.2 17.2 20.2 26.4 26.5 16.5 7.0 11.5	Seconds 108 173 160 131 135 100 152 132 144 167 193 146 123	Centistokes X10 ⁻⁴ 2. 53 5. 94 12. 20 4. 01 5. 64 1. 24 8. 84 5. 34 7. 13 8. 12 4. 83 2. 92 2. 88	Seconds 79 120 114 96 93 66 109 97 98 117 134 108 83 88	Centistokes ×10 ⁻¹ 0.73 2.11 3.72 1.51 1.88 2.88 1.87 1.77 2.37 3.00 6.60
		85-1	00 PENET	RATION G	RADE					
5	1, 187 893	50 137 122 75 93 62 71 124 167 96 113 82	210 457 310 273 2711 223 290 340 394 296 279 283	11. 4 35. 2 28. 2 18. 2 20. 9 13. 5 17. 7 29. 1 39. 6 23. 4 20. 9 17. 2	133 217 168 155 130 153 164 205 172 152	3. 22 10. 30 7. 50 5. 26 5. 66 3. 55 5. 90 8. 11 11. 10 6. 68 4. 88 4. 32	90 139 118 109 109 89 106 112 128 115 104	1. 11 3. 68 2. 52 1. 80 1. 89 1. 14 1. 89 2. 67 3. 68 2. 26 1. 41 1. 35		

the empirical tests that are usually employed for measuring the consistency of asphalts. However, in the investigation of these materials, float test determinations were made at 50°, 60°, 70°, 80°, and 90° C. The values obtained at 80° C. were used in the report of Lewis and Welborn 4 for the calculation of the float-

test index. The kinematic viscosity determinations made on the selected 50-60 and 85-100 penetration grade asphalts, shown in table 7, were in most cases made at 65°, 75°, and 85° C., but the values at the temperature used for the float-test determinations were interpolated from the curves. These values for the float-test and the kinematic viscosity at the same temperature are shown in table 13. The data in this table have been plotted in figure 6 to logarithmic scales.

⁴ The Physical and Chemical Properties of Petroleum Asphalts of the 50-60 and 85-100 Penetration Grades. Annual Meeting of Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1940. PUBLIC ROADS, March 1940, vol. 21, No. 1.

In this figure the best straight line has been drawn through the points for each temperature. Some of the points deviate widely from this line, but this is to be expected since the materials tested differed widely in source and inherent characteristics such as specific heat and surface tension. However, in general a good relationship is indicated.

The curve for each test temperature has a different slope. This slope increases for decreasing temperature, the increase becoming progressively greater for each decrement of temperature. It will be noted also that the tests run at the higher temperatures, especially 70° and 80° C., show less deviation from the straight

line than those run at 50° and 60° C.

While this general relationship between the float test and kinematic viscosity was found, no definite conversion factor can be determined that would be applicable to all types of asphalt cements. Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker ³ report this same condition for the float test determination on road tars, even though their work was done on coal tar residues which were perhaps from the same or similar sources and similar types of manufacture.

SUMMARY

The determination of the viscosity of all grades of bituminous materials over a wide range of temperature in absolute units is desirable since it gives a definite basis for comparison of the consistency of all types by a common measure. However, it is recognized that one instrument will not give results over the complete range but measurements by two or three instruments are necessary. These tests have shown that a capillary type instrument, such as the one used in this investigation, will give results from a minimum of approximately 100 centistokes to a maximum of approximately 6,000,000 centistokes. Thus it would be valuable as a unit in any combination of instruments necessary to cover the entire range of consistency of bituminous road materials.

The limitations of the instrument permit viscosities of asphalts of the 50-60 and 85-100 penetration grades to be made only over a temperature range of approximately 45° to 90° C. This range does not permit a study of the consistency of these asphalts at most of the temperatures that are of interest to users of these types of asphaltic materials. In actual service the asphalts are at temperatures from below 0° C. to about

² Consistency Measurements in the Coal Tar Industry, by Rhodes, Volkmann, and Barker. Symposium on Consistency, A. S. T. M., June 1937.

60° C., and they are heated to approximately 135° to 180° C. for use in hot mixed pavements or for application in the construction of penetration macadam. It is not possible to measure the viscosity of these asphalts at atmospheric temperatures with this instrument, although the use of a larger capillary might permit the determinations to be made at lower temperatures than used in this study.

By the use of additional heating coils and a clear oil bath which would not flash at the higher temperature, it might also be possible to extend the range of the instrument to include viscosity measurements at the mixing or application temperatures; but, even with these modifications, the instrument is not readily adapted to cover the consistency measurements of the semisolid asphalts of the grades studied at those temperatures for which such measurements would be of

practical significance.

For the liquid asphaltic materials, the instrument can be satisfactorily employed to measure the consistency of all grades at 35° C., the temperature suggested for evaluating the relative consistency of the various grades of road tars. The adoption of a standard method for the determination of the absolute viscosity of all grades of both the liquid asphaltic road materials and road tars at a test temperature, such as 35° C., close to that of normal atmospheric temperature should prove of great value in that it would give a definite knowledge of the consistency of these materials at the time of application and before any appreciable loss of volatile material occurred.

The results obtained with this instrument may be expected to check within ± 2 percent or better for these penetration grades of asphalt at the test temperatures used, and this accuracy compares favorably with that usually obtained in ordinary testing of bituminous materials. The instrument gives much closer checks with liquid asphalts of lower viscosities at atmospheric

temperatures.

No satisfactory factor for converting the values for float test at various temperatures to kinematic viscosity can be determined that would be applicable to all

asphalts.

The data obtained with the instrument can be plotted in a straight line by plotting the double logarithm of the viscosity in centistokes against the logarithm of the absolute temperature, and the slope of this line gives a factor for the viscosity-temperature susceptibility over the range of temperature at which test results can be obtained.

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IMPORTANCE OF DETERMINING FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF PAVEMENT CONCRETE EMPHASIZED

Figure 5 shows the strength data given in figure 4 plotted against the water-cement ratio instead of the cement factor. Here again the quality of the coarse aggregate is reflected in the results obtained. Note, for instance, that a water-cement ratio of 0.60 was required to develop a modulus of rupture of 550 pounds per square inch with combination 1–10, whereas this strength was obtained with a water-cement ratio of 0.95 in combination 1–1.

Attention is directed to the fact that the curves for combinations 1-1 and 1-10 are straight lines. However, this was not the case for all combinations of materials investigated, many combinations giving curves which

had the characteristic shape of the typical watercement ratio—compressive strength curve. In fact the average curve shown is of this general shape.

The data shown in figures 2 and 3 might have been plotted with the principal relation between water-cement ratio and strength as in figure 5, with additional curves to give the other desired information. The arrangement of data is of course a matter to be decided

by circumstances.

Complete compressive strength data are not available for this series of tests because of the fact that companion compressive strength specimens were not made. However, limited data were obtained for the three leanest mixes (4.4, 5.2, and 6.0 sacks of cement per cubic yard) as the result of tests on modified cubes remaining from the flexure tests. These data showed that for combination 1-1 the compressive strengths were 9 percent

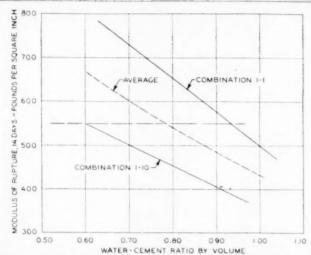


FIGURE 5.—RELATION BETWEEN WATER-CEMENT RATIO AND FLEXURAL STRENGTH OF CONCRETE. (AVERAGE CURVE AND MAXIMUM RANGE.)

greater than those for combination 1–10 as compared with the corresponding average flexural strength differential of 32 percent.

REORGANIZATION WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Effective August 14, 1940, the name of the Automotive-Aeronautics Trade Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, has been changed to Motive Products Division. The Railway Equipment Section, formerly a part of the Transportation Division, has been transferred to the Motive Products Division.

INDEX TO PUBLIC ROADS, VOLUME 20, NOW AVAILABLE

The index to PUBLIC ROADS, volume 20, is now available. A chronological list of articles and a list of authors are included with the index. The index will be sent free to subscribers to PUBLIC ROADS requesting it. Requests should be addressed to the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.

Indexes to volumes 6 to 8 and 10 to 19, inclusive, are also available and will be sent to PUBLIC ROADS subscribers upon request. Indexes to volumes 1 to 5, inclusive, have never been prepared. The supply of the index to volume 9 is exhausted.

Of the group in which sand No. 2 was combined with eight different coarse aggregates, combination 2-13 gave just about as high compressive strength as any combination in the group. However, it was found that, at a cement factor of 6 sacks per cubic yard, the flexural strength of combination 2-13 was the lowest of all, other combinations in the group giving strengths up to 17 percent higher than combination 2-13 (table 4). Many other examples could be given to show that two concretes having the same compressive strength do not necessarily have the same flexural strength, emphasizing the importance of determining the flexural strength characteristics of the constituent materials used in pavement concrete.

It is believed that the data presented are sufficient to indicate that, when pavement concrete is to be made of a variety of combinations of aggregates and a reasonably uniform minimum flexural strength is desired, investigations of the materials should be made along the lines indicated in this report in order to predetermine the flexural strengths to be expected. Compressive strength tests on concrete made with the materials to be used are inadequate, as the ratio of flexural to compressive strength varies over wide limits for different combinations of materials.

STATUS OF FEDERALAID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1940

	COMPLETED DUR	DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	AL YEAR	UNDE	UNDER CONSTRUCTION		APPROVE	APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION	7	BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAIL.
STATE	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Foderal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cast	Foleral Aid	Miles	GRAMMED PROJ.
Alabama Arizona Arkansas	\$ 1,464,149 266,375 1,391,182	\$ 729,767 185,485 617,532	36.2	1,322,451	\$ 2,146,773 785,707 1,287,053	164.6	35.1	4 1,040,470 170,320 228,867	15.6	\$ 2,317,772 1,453,417 904,398
California Colorado Connecticut	1,725,188	924,507 387,836 7,500	32.5	2,573,204 2,573,204 2,671,413	1,430,728	189.6 130.8 8.19	290,719 290,719 283,541	1,170,270	93.9	2,314,705
Delaware Florida Georgia	52,661 152,500 511,766	255,883	1.1	1,563,392 3,811,683 6,226,919	780,967 1,895,563 3,113,460	115.8	786,995 1,801,481	254,289	17.1	1,048,125 2,340,569 4,888,279
Idabo Illinois Indiana	1,071,400	251,915 535,700 791,005	4.63		825, 348 4, 747, 404 3, 325, 504	197.9	1,710,876	41,590 855,438	6.7 59.4	3,128,998
lowa Kanasa Kentucky	1,056,836 592,276 810,339	296,138	19.9	5,651,428 7,159,735 4,279,129	2,595,462 3,594,469 2,139,564	25.59 6.69.9	2,736,462 2,542,552 557,235	1,284,760 1,256,328 278,518	8.59 8.50	1,576,242 2,576,242 2,991,045
Louisiana Maine Maryland	102,203 322,100 86,000	15,577 161,050	9.50	1,394,798	2,934,899	736.7	2,520,534 346,410 461,503	1,248,671 173,205 228,651	0 mm	2,933,530 602,959 1,269,091
Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota	733.782	268,191 366,891 581,860	16.9	3,711,347 9,645,810 7,550,186	1,846,600 4,734,804 3,764,754	30.9	198,728 3,421,728 1,519,753	1,711,864	90.0	2,803,104 499,128 3,184,096
Mississippi Missouri Montana	630,400	238,750 735,907	30.5		2,642,859 3,324,022	299.0	3,168,760 2,700,970	1,075,023	76.2	1,490,118
Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire	1,746,156 903,337 363,897	873.078 777.776	210.4 19.1	5,414,542 1,667,109 1,200,627	2,619,255 1,446,157 591,075	73.9	1,485,928 5,600 293,186	742,954	156.7	2,572,484 759,186 890,424
New Jersey New Mexico New York	295,323	544,670 182,885 798,782	8 7. E		1,253,915	32.9 106.7	152,290	343,181	34.9	1,321,376
North Carolina North Dakota Obbo	2,016,935	1,008,510	27.4		1,793,666	267.8	1,311,810 3,222,544 5,015,400	1,654,102	274.9	3,247,421
Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania	1,069,898	376,887 643,910 553,190	0.4.5.0	3,576,597	1,891,289	117.2	390,370	705,629 235,540 2,659,329	3,75	1,292,674
Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota	203,702 22,600 822,094	11,300	1.8	2,704,264 4,189,890	596,635 1,304,440 2,450,540	169.6	350, 158 886,092 1,604,660	174,785	108.4	2,315,306
Tennessee Texas Utah	2,395,957 360,045	263,295	75.7	7,486,535 1,182,595	3,711,272	27.5	3,441,092	1,649,645	186.3	6,850,511 924,958
Vermont Virginia Washington	679,622	293,164	25.5	3.034.347	1,472,840	68.3	576.391	282,500	5 c	171.947.1
West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	1,745,764	175,220 857,310 627,108	12.6	3,093,970 4,699,141 852,951	1,540,696 2,315,800 551,358	93.9 93.6 93.6	1,238,740 469,165 593,680	618,520 236,430 369,207	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1,679,556 3,568,886 892,837
District of Columbia Hawaii Puerto Rico	38,300	11,010	± 04	1,380,599	249,971 122,602 682,575	≃, 0, % - ≈0.0	119,500 662,741 228,404	59.750 389.516 113.550	0.00	1,496,153
TOTALS	39.853,762	20,658,639	1.923.0	227 567 174	112,547,242	7.724.4	74,360,320	36,574,108	3.042.0	109, 484, 203

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STATUS OF FEDERAL-AID SECONDARY OR FEEDER ROAD PROJECTS

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1940

	COMPLETED DUR	DURING CURRENT FISCAL	L YEAR	UNDER	ER CONSTRUCTION		APPROVED	POR CONSTRUCTION	7	BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAIL
STATE	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Miles	CKAMMED PROJECTS
Alebuma Arizona Arkannas	\$ 152,844 53,782	\$ 76.213 17.866 154.443	4.4.	\$ 975,579	\$ 486,070 188,429 135,651	56.3	\$ 112,400	\$ 56,200	0.0	\$ 483,029 234,689
California Colornado Connecticat	341,885	185,938	10.5	624 380 152 679	338,814 63,187	3.5	137,102	73,776	200	819,162
Delaware Florida Georgia	54,721	27,361	7.6	73,439	28.471 10.693 11.693		606,994 513,346	19.751 278,024 271,673	9 6 7 8 8 9	268,125 173,686 1,058,954
Idaho Illinois Indiana		163,750	20.1	1,833,485	62,475 899,568 155,812	15.2	324,400	37,885 162,200 15,900	6.77	203, 486 304, 077 916, 997
lows Kansas Kentucky	202,136	362,275	- K	1,145,674	373,898	223.2	840,411 287,357 294, 932	396,280	16.9	1,212,201
Louisiana Maine Maryland		35,536	4.5	256, 292 189, 474 177, 996	91,428	10.8	71,200	33,500	3.2	458,796 7,907
Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota			12.2	1,524,117	259,616 765,448	10.7			15.3	1,026,170
Mississippi Missouri Montana			10.6 24.8 61.4	526,814 515,128 249,798	257,907	12.0	593,020 362,668 29,357	284,975 114,512 16,566	39.8 46.8	421,072 703,803 655,794
Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire			15.8	671,543 168,076 37,254	340,348	82.7			1. 6. c.	287,707 89,390 162,156
New Jersey New Mexico New York			13.5	329,030	244,648	1.92			4 6 4	101,030
North Carolina North Dakote Ohio			21.01	867,213	194,573	76.0	27,520		2.2	327,757
Oklaboma Oregon Penasylvania	189.797 189.797	296,951 26,951 26,951 36,951	2.80.2	304.017	114,370	31.5	267,180 135,049	116,876	20.7	929, 254 241, 854
Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota			3.0	616,040 3,624	113,672 235,716 3,624	57.5	184,830		₹99.	95,049 225,295 1,280,913
Tennessee Texas Utah	91,090		106.2	62,560 690,048 195,647	330,210	3.5. 16.0	186,188 334,950 81,845	160,725	37.2	909,350
Vermont Virginia Washington	139,900 168,540 94,191	48,305 80,212 49,488	0.00 4.0 %	366, 408 454, 710 528, 552	103,750 207,319 2 60, 039	24.7 28.1	123,866	51,685	1.6	22,500
West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	123,800	61,375 89,800 165,255	20.00	186,819 525,609 183,125	93,409	15.2	79,808 221,661 58,269	39,904 110,800 37,245	4 to	446, 189 653, 577 113, 561
District of Columbia Hawaii Puerto Rico	164,258	82,085	4.9	43,684 114,489 302,225	21,342	2.5	92,200	37,500	80. ±	28,150 80,178
TOTALS	9,195,395	4,551,590	773.1	26.802.770	14 264 744	· Can C	and the same	1. are 11.		21- 4-4

STATUS OF FEDERAL AID GRADE CROSSING PROJECTS

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1940

	COMPLETED	COMPLETED DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	oć.	_	SO.	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	NO		_	APPRC	APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION	NOLLON			
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STATE	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Grade Grade Creeding County University Street 19 Separate Nature Re- tion or contrast Refocution of	- 1	Continue Con	Fatimated Fotal Cost	Federal Aid	Grade Crossing Liminated by Separa- in Lion or Closs or Relocation	Series Series	Greate Creatings Protection of by we Other	Estimated Total Cost	Federal Aid	Grade Crossings Eliminated by Separa- tion or Referenties	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	1911	PROJECTS PROJECTS
Alabama Arizona Arkansas	\$ 354,097	\$ 319,636	4	-	* -	722.004	\$ 701.927 9.473	VD 80	-	-	\$ 16,800 6,006	\$ 16,800 6,006	3		200	\$ 943.96 276.646
California Colorado Connecticut		181,075	ru .	-	2	886, 146 277, 100 631, 483	707,665 277,100 625,932	m-r	-		18,276	18,276			6-	918,723
Delaware Florida Georgia	39,821	39,821	-0		80 - P	106,826 88,900 733,165	106,826 88,900		4	2 -	50.450 168.970 657.241	50,450 168,445 657,241	# W #	4	996	1,287,491 1,791,106
Idabo Illinois Indiana		104.237		-		102,897 858,728 019,801	2,597,922	4:-	ev -	EF	85,358 260,966 112,783	85,358 213,247 112,783	•		252	1,859,346 1,006,040
Iowa Kansas Kentucky		83,100 7,241 157,925	4		220	313,303 878,803 1,007,185	239,822 878,325 1,007,185	7 0 0		27	249,577 270,788 44,325	235,392 270,788 14,325	0 -0	N	795	1,095.949 1,095.949 571,318
Louisiana Maine Maryland		73,922		-	4 -	97.898	387,123 97,898 604,916	m- m	- 0	-	132,585	570,154 132,585 27,800	=-		OI 80	251,016
Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota	193,014	193,014	-3		7	336,591 909,627 458,599	1,909,627	- 20 52	# m	200	158,572	158,572		N	ನ್ನೆ	2,025,042 908,161 1,055,027
Mississippi Missouri Montana		150,832	ur.	CV)	-	506.594 470.550,034 773.421	1,033,074	00	- W		1,725,711	1,231,145	M.#	ev		1,090,990,090,090,090,090,090,090,090,09
Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire	186,369	188,359		-	· ·	561.934 115.732 80.259	561,934	10 N -	-	ru ru	194,103	194,103	2		~ R-	563,847 115,071 390,249
New Jersey New Mexico New York		20,902	rv.	-	9	230,045 230,045	772.219 230.045 3.699.173	2000	17		69,720 102,612 461,795	69,720 97,850 157,195	D)		- 10	1,214,345 548,809 2,712,937
North Carolina North Dakota Ohio	314,415	314,410	-an	-	25 C	980,368 210,780 518,025	980,368 210,780 2,468,835	200	N M	m = 0	111,740	111,140	-01	00	-000	2,614,346
Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina		131,692 3,750 3,750 74,745	04 04			632.962 h62.846 191.039 189.449	572,962 315,518 191,518 389,449	orat w	0	0 0	977,336	121,172	u. L		के है	363,725 363,725 31,949,718 31,049,718
South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah		290,200	-4	-	2	92,736	92,736 1,992,363	n-10		a a =	227,450 124,741 75,150	27.75	- 2	-	₹ 8	1, 749, 947 2, 030, 627
Vermont Virginia Washington	2,969 17,400 138,380	2,969 17,400 138,380		-		209,428 280,068 220,472	209,428 278,402 216,972	nn	n n -		34.546 272.447 78.630	34,546		en .	- 60	223,562 940,287 513,498
West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	115.155	333,340	4	-	7	229,982 936,427 540,923	289,982 896,342 540,923	0 rv	~	m	13,998	13,998			tt in	1,371,022
District of Columbia Hawali Puerto Rico						194,036	194,029	04 =			46,000	46°66	-		ev.	150.010 290.14
TOTALS	5,225,296	5,136,337	53 1	15 13	137 35,	35,791,029	34.743,166	292	19	217	9,250,389	8,521,730	2	19	503	19.945,084